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REBELAIRE

at a big **THREE-OH**

1983

To a sweet girl who I met at Paul from lugging me all year. Hope you have a great summer. See ya next year.
#7 Vonda Taylor

Dana,
It has been fun having in biology. I'm glad I meet you. You are a very nice person to know.
Paul

To a nice girl that I've enjoyed knowing my sophmore year. good luck in the future.

Friends forever,
Eric Walton

To a very nice girl
I have known for awhile
but will always be friends
Forever Maria
Manning

To a very sweet
girl who I met
during the summer.
Tell Randy I said Hi
and keep him out of
trouble. Stay sweet!
Love
Dana

To a very nice and sweet
girl who I have enjoyed
knowing for 2 years. Sorry
we didn't have P.E. together
so we did I would have hugged
you. Have a nice summer and
I guess I'll see you next year.
Friend/Forever
Cherie Blue

Dana,
I've known you
for about 2 years now
and I still like you
for a friend. (Ha, ha) Really,
you're real nice and I
hope you stay that way
Chris A.

Dana,
I'm really glad we got to be friends this year. We've had fun in our classes. You're a real sweet girl... Have fun this summer
#7 Ila Ann Palmer

Dana
I really can't think of anything to say but I'll see you next year
Love
Elaine

To a good ol' girl who ought to play football.
David

To a nice girl who

Paige W.
loves
Royce B.
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Tara, you are a very good person to be around. Hope you have a lot of luck in school next year. Best of Wishes
Hank Williams Way

Tara,
I'm glad I met you this year. You're real sweet and I hope we stay friends.
Good luck always.
Cindy
Nancy

To an old friend
who is a better
person than I am.
Remember how
thankful for being a
friend. Take care &
your self.
Sue and stay out of
trouble.
Friends always,
Lisa Odom

Tara
You are a very sweet girl. Thanks for being my friend!
Love,
Stacy
Slaughter

To a very very nice lady & pretty. Be Cool
Michael
Jenkins
Dr. Rock #16

Tara-
Hey-Hey!
It's really been a blast having you in P.E. (I would say English, too, but I HATE English!)
See ya sometime!
LSU #1 Steph

To Tara
Its been nice riding
the bus with you
for the past two years.
Lee

To a wild and
krazy girl I
have enjoyed
knowing this
year. I hope
we can get
some classes
together next
year. Stay sweet
Love your friend
Penny Odom

To a very sweet
girl who I'm glad
I met. Good luck
and have a great summer.
Rhonda Moulder

Tara,
To a very nasatet
and mean girl
Who I Like for
a friend
Sandman

Tara:
To a girl who would
argue with a rock. or
even ~~worse~~ with Chris
have a good summer
Love David Semer

To one my geometry
classmate, good luck
on geometry next
time,
Love,
Tara
Friends
Forever
Britt Gilliland

Tara,
You're a super sweet
person and I've enjoyed
knowing you. Good luck
in the future. Stay sweet,
Love,
Tara Gilliland

To a very sweet
girl who I'm glad
I met. Good luck
and have a great summer.
Rhonda Moulder

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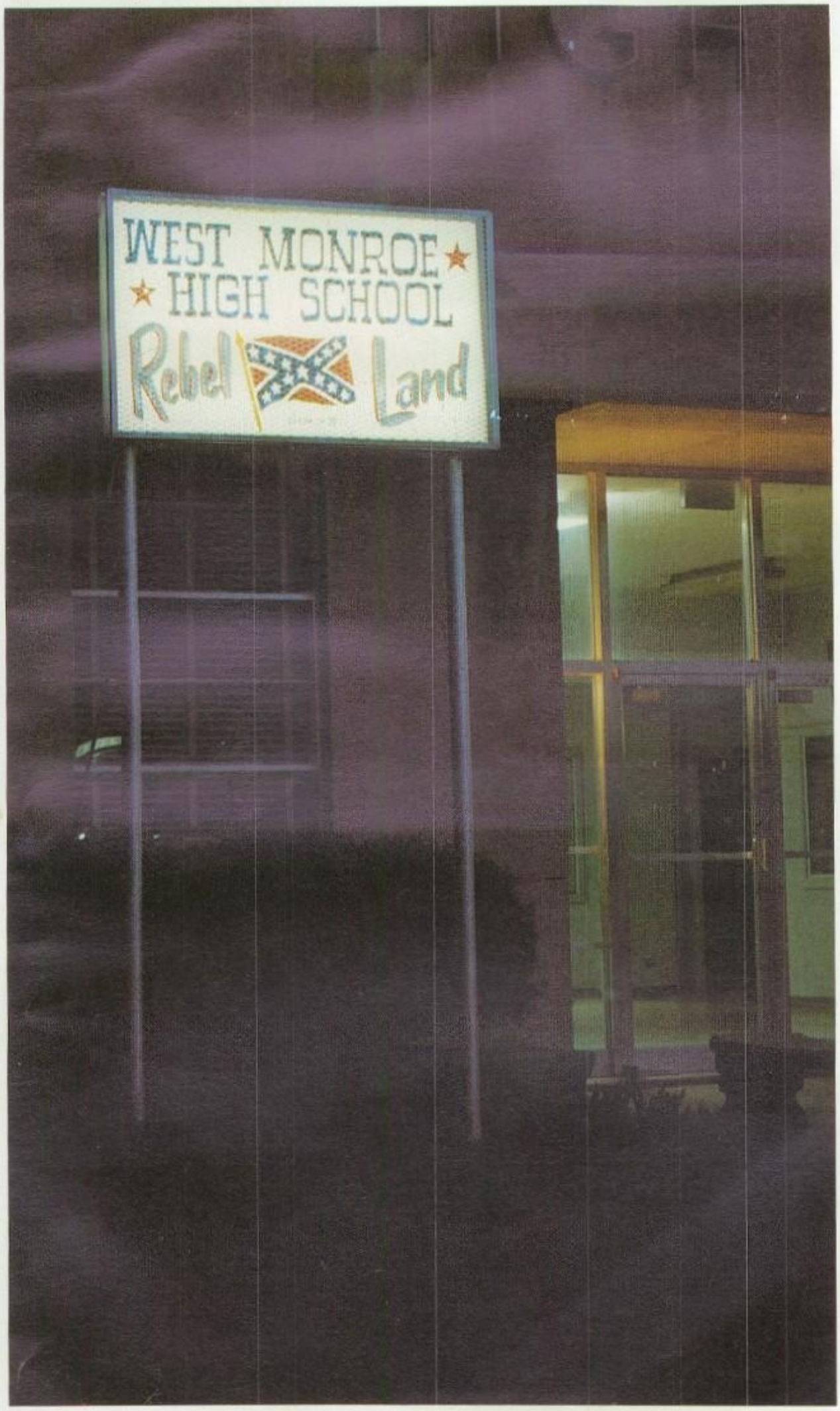

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HOME OF THE REBS

The sign in front of the main building identifies the mascot of West Monroe High School and is more attractive following a recent repainting.

Tara,
How'd ya like your sophomore year. I hope it was good. Take care and Good Luck.
Love Ya!
Randy

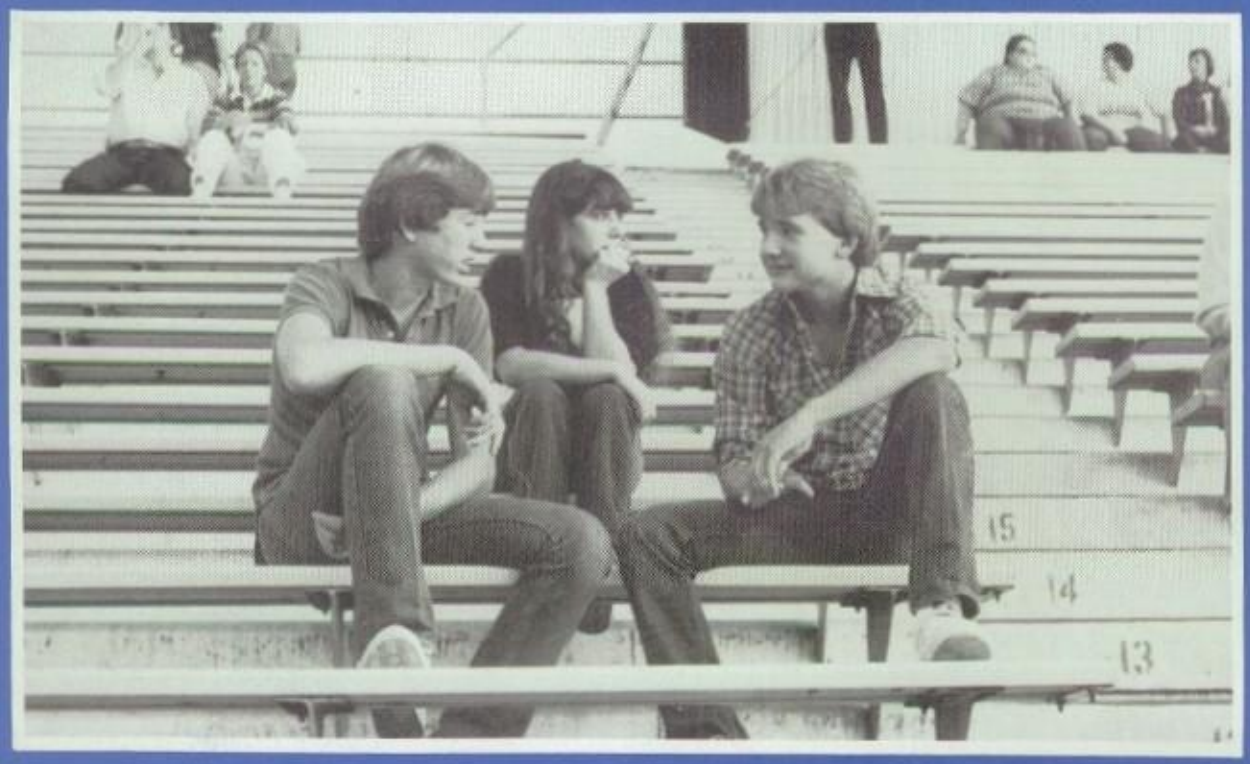
...WMHS is Distinguished By the Gray

Journalists indicate the end of a story with 30. Youth relates the end of youthful activities and excuses to age 30. Average classroom size hovers near 30. For conversing and eating, students receive 30 minutes at lunch. But when asked about age 30, most young people readily identify it as the age "over the hill."

"I think we're in the prime stage of life."

Libby Hill, senior

The more a person ages, the grayer he usually becomes. But gray can be considered a symbol of distinction brought on by maturity. And gray is not new to WMHS. Since 1953, gray has been used as one of the school colors. Now with its 30th anniversary, the school is boasting of its accomplishments in the community.



EARLY ARRIVALS—Knowing that a sell-out crowd was expected and heeding Mr. Pirkey's advice, Kevin Rutledge, Cindy Jimenez, and Jamie Russell arrive before 6 p.m. to see the West Monroe-Neville game.

HOME AWAY FROM HOME—Whether it works smoothly or even locks, the locker contains vital books, notes, notebooks, and assorted materials , and Jennifer Hudnall searches through hers before going to fourth period.

SUMMER TOILS—Percussion members Marti Glass, Tami Ratliff, and Charlene Fuller watch Dr. Spears during a mid-August practice for half-tme marching.

LEARNING A SKILL—One of the most popular business courses is typing, as students enroll in Typing I to learn the basics or in Typing II to polish their skills.

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BREAK TIME—Concession period is the time for friends Lisa Delrio, Carol Thames, and Amy Meadows to laugh over the morning's events.

Custodians, Clubs Work to Eliminate

The Horrid Age Spots

Carpet worn in patches from heavy traffic, spitballs on ceiling tiles, and lockers with defects are tell-tale signs of 30 years of students. Such imperfections are not uncommon where 1,500 students annually have lived.

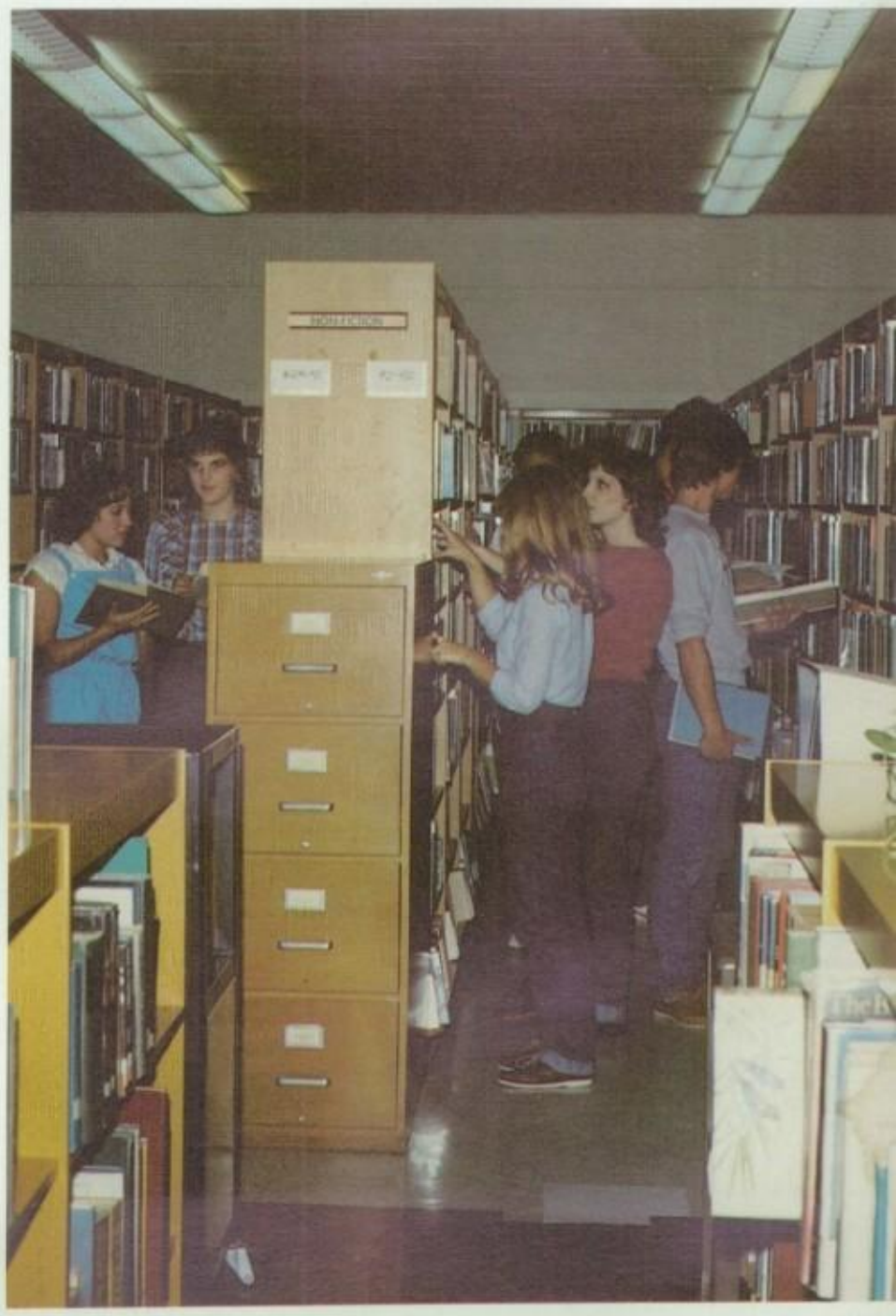
Blue tweed carpet and bright blue mailboxes brightened the freshly painted office which served as information center and visitors' impression of the school plant. Thanks to the work of Mr. Roland Thomas and his custodial staff during the summer, additional improvements including sidewalk construction, curb installation, and asphalt parking lot greeted students and faculty in August. Helping to alleviate other signs of aging, athletic structures were repaired and shrubs were planted along front of the building.

With the help of Mrs. Paula Adams, art teacher on leave, the cafeteria acquired a painted mural across the overhang.

Other paintings generated pride as fans in the stadium viewed the water tower, officially adorned with "West Monroe, Home of the Rebels." Fans and visitors in the gym viewed the 1982 Senior Class gift, a painting of a Rebel flag and soldier across the east wall.

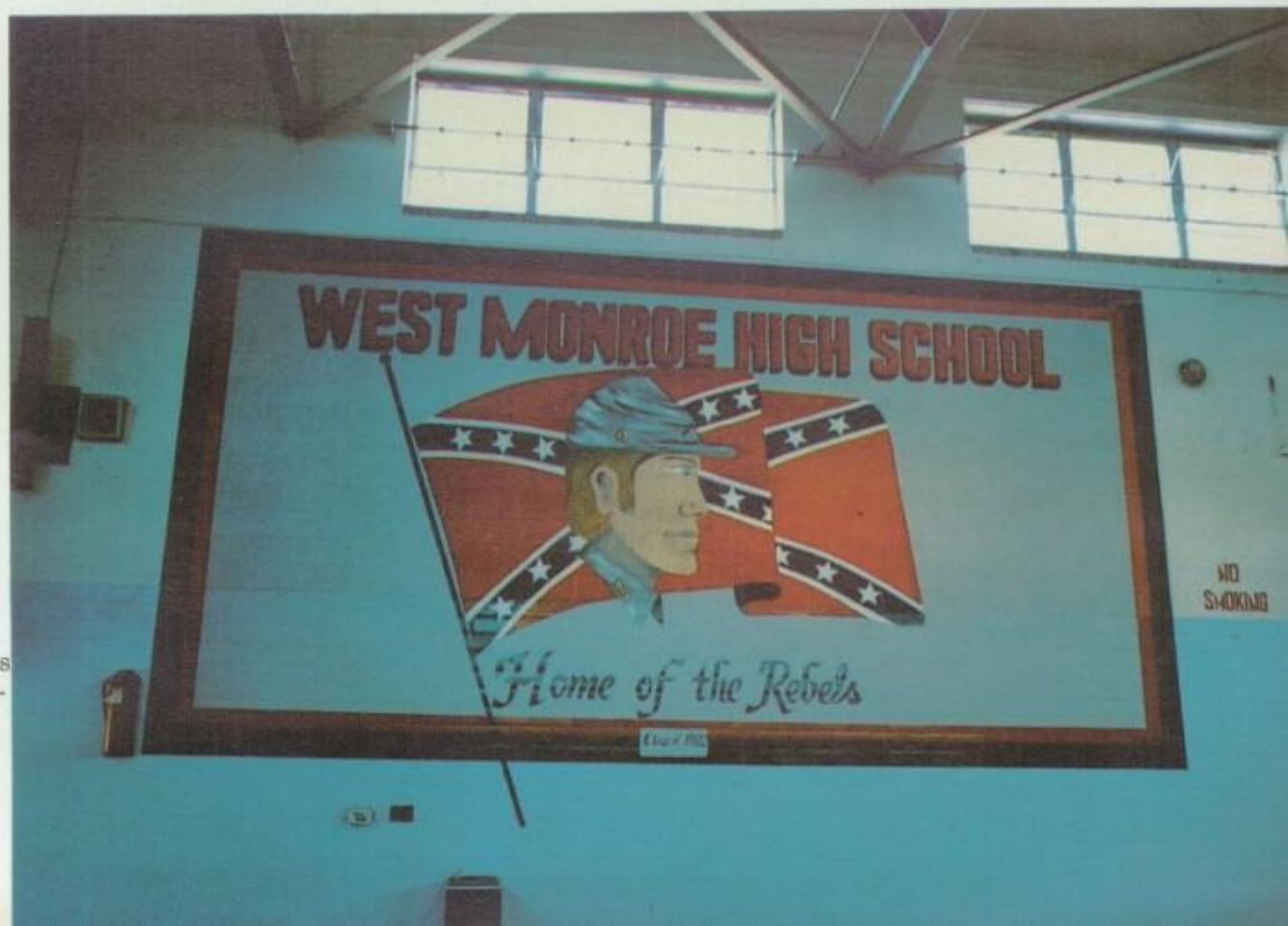
MOVIN' OUT

More information and a bigger place to search for material has been created with the expansion and renovation of the library.



CHECKING IT OUT

Mrs. Sammie Saulsbury, Interact sponsor, inspects some of the shrubs planted around the main building with funds from the club.

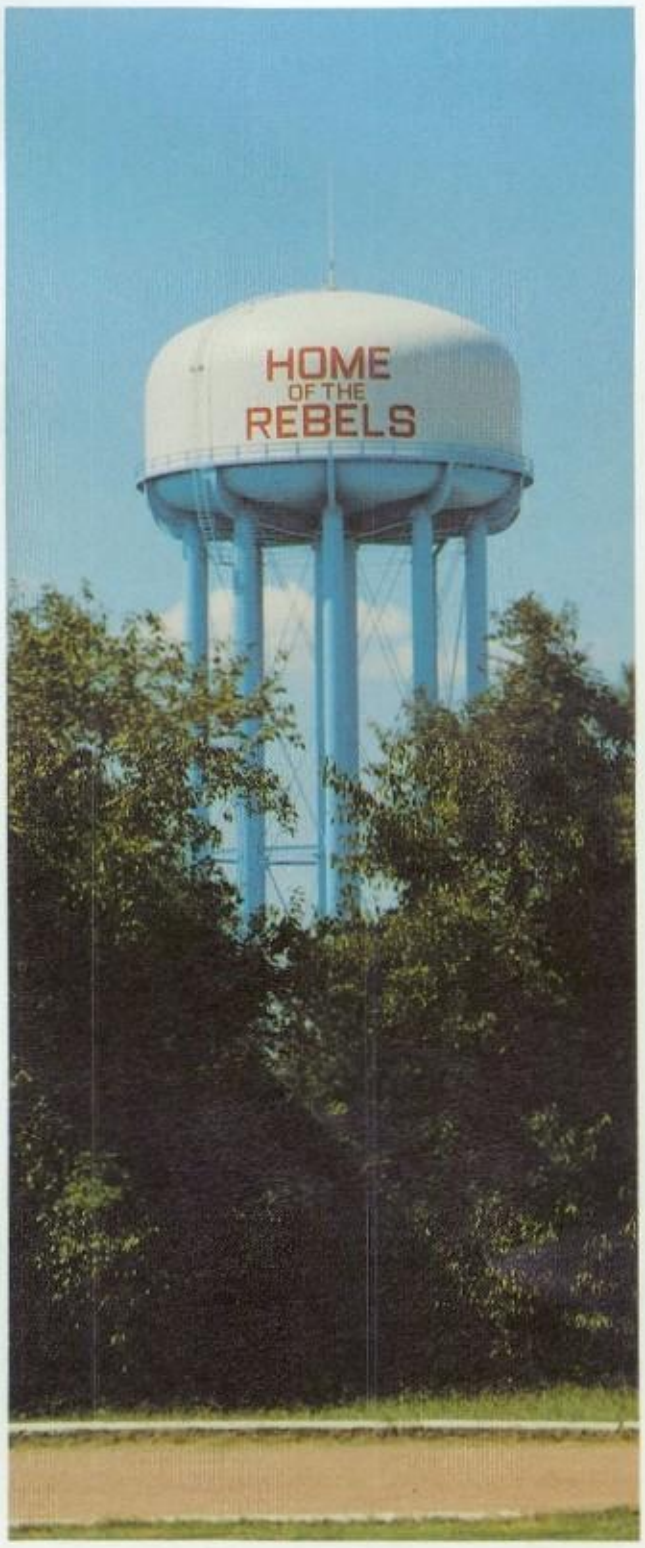


GIFT OF '82

Visitors to the gym are welcomed to the home of the Rebels by the flag and soldier painted during the summer as the gift of the Senior Class of 1982.

A PLACE FOR EVERYONE

A named and numbered slot holds mail and materials for each faculty member in the new blue mailboxes constructed during the summer. New carpet and a new coat of blue paint dress up the main office for visitors and teachers, as Coach Dan McClure and Mr. Gene Williams remove their materials during a planning period.



SOURCE OF PRIDE

When the majority of the students voted the second day of school to approve, Mayor Dave Norris agreed to having "Home of the Rebels" painted on the water tower which was being repainted.

Competitive efforts and decisions prove

Spring is a trying time

From tryouts to trying to find a job; from trying to make a passing grade to trying to make the best time in track; from trying to find a date for the prom to trying to choose which college to attend, spring can be a"trying" time.

Each spring brings new goals in many areas While seniors are preparing themselves for their finals and counting down the days until graduation, some are trying to concentrate on school rather than a promised senior trip. Others are trying to join the working force as they search the area for jobs.

With spring also come individual tryouts based on skill and performance. In April anxious girls yell with enthusiasm and dance with precision for cheerleader and drill team tryouts. In sports, runners on the track team race against the clock for a better time.

Attending camps and wokshops, going on vacations, playing recreational softball or baseball, and practicing cheers or routines are among the summer activities.

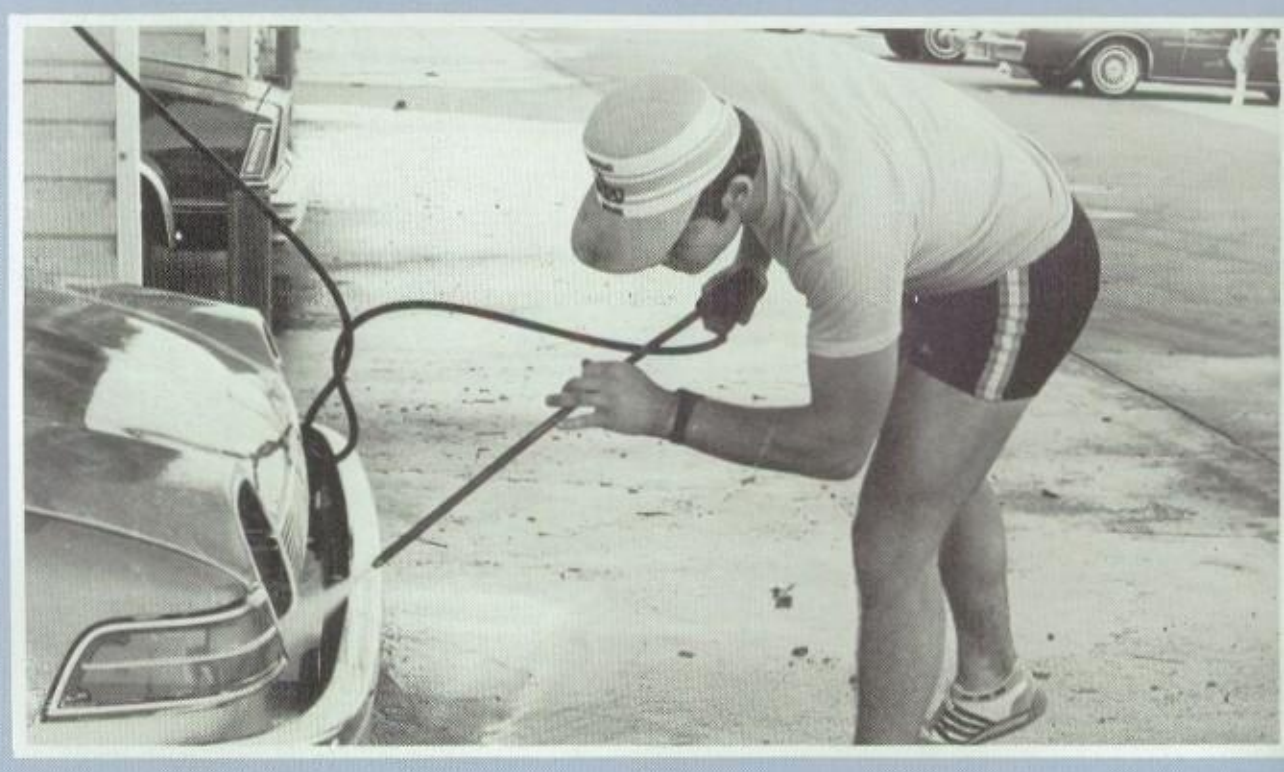
"The reason I went to Baton Rouge was to see if politics was for me," said senior Stacy Sullivan, who worked as a page in the Louisiana Legislature. During a two-week period, his job consisted of running errands for Senators. Stacy was appointed for the page's job by Sen. Lawson Swearingen.

Of course, there are a few students who can't stay away from the classroom. Several of the juniors were accepted into the summer collegiate program at Northeast Louisiana University and enrolled in classes to get a "head start" on their college requirements.

As summer days waned, activities at the high school increased in tempo to alert all that with the opening of school only a few weeks, or days, away, summer was becoming just a memory.

FOND MEMORIES—Keeping a journal of places visited helps Mrs. Reba Williams recall many of the experiences of her family's summer trip to Germany.

HERE IT COMES—Like other athletes trying to do their best, Carolyn Bennett return a serve during a spring tennis match.



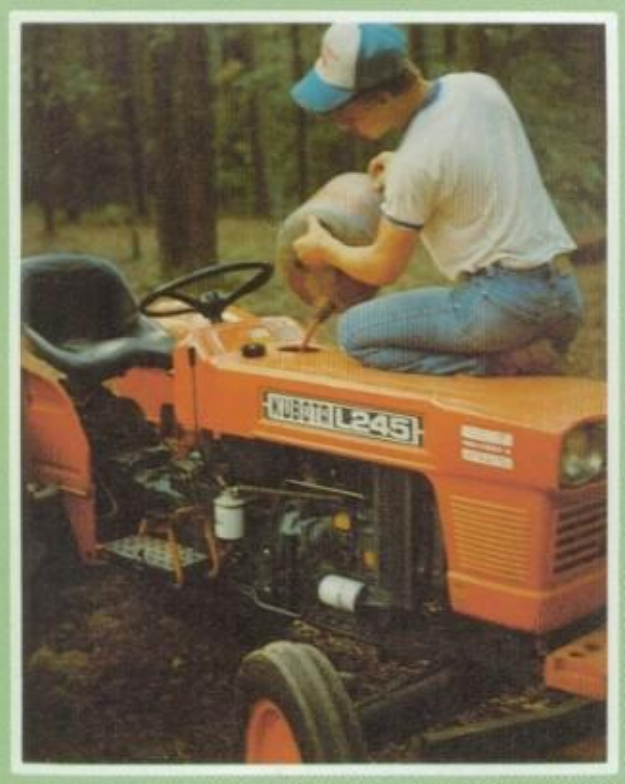
CLEAN UP EFFORTS—Brian Creery spends time and quarters at the car wash, trying to get his car free of road grime.

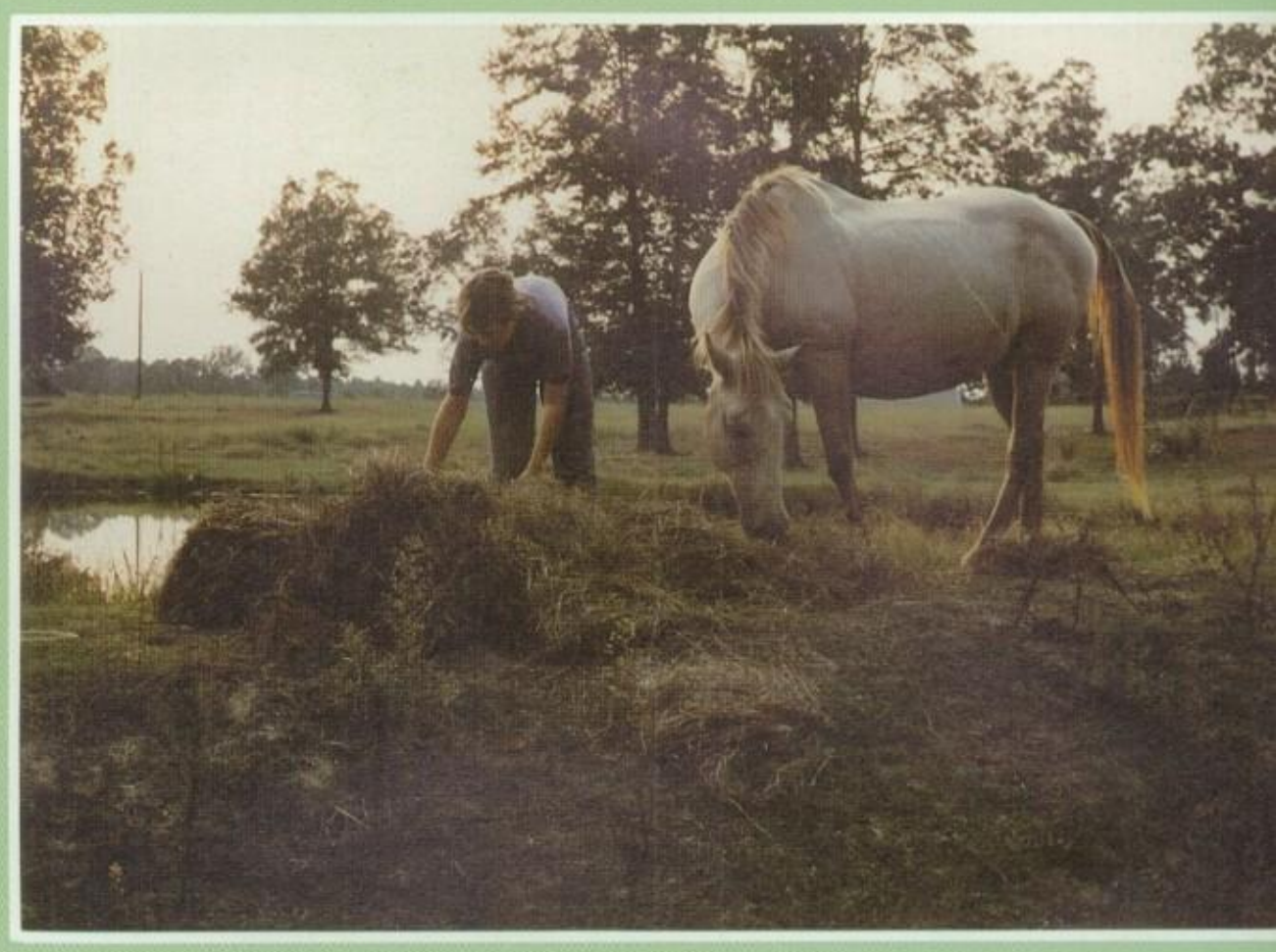
BUSY AT WORK—In his free time, Tony Green, sophomore, piddles with the engines of his truck.

POLITICALLY INCLINED—The Legislature gave Stacy Sullivan insight into the workings of the state government and convinced him to return there someday in a capacity other than a page.

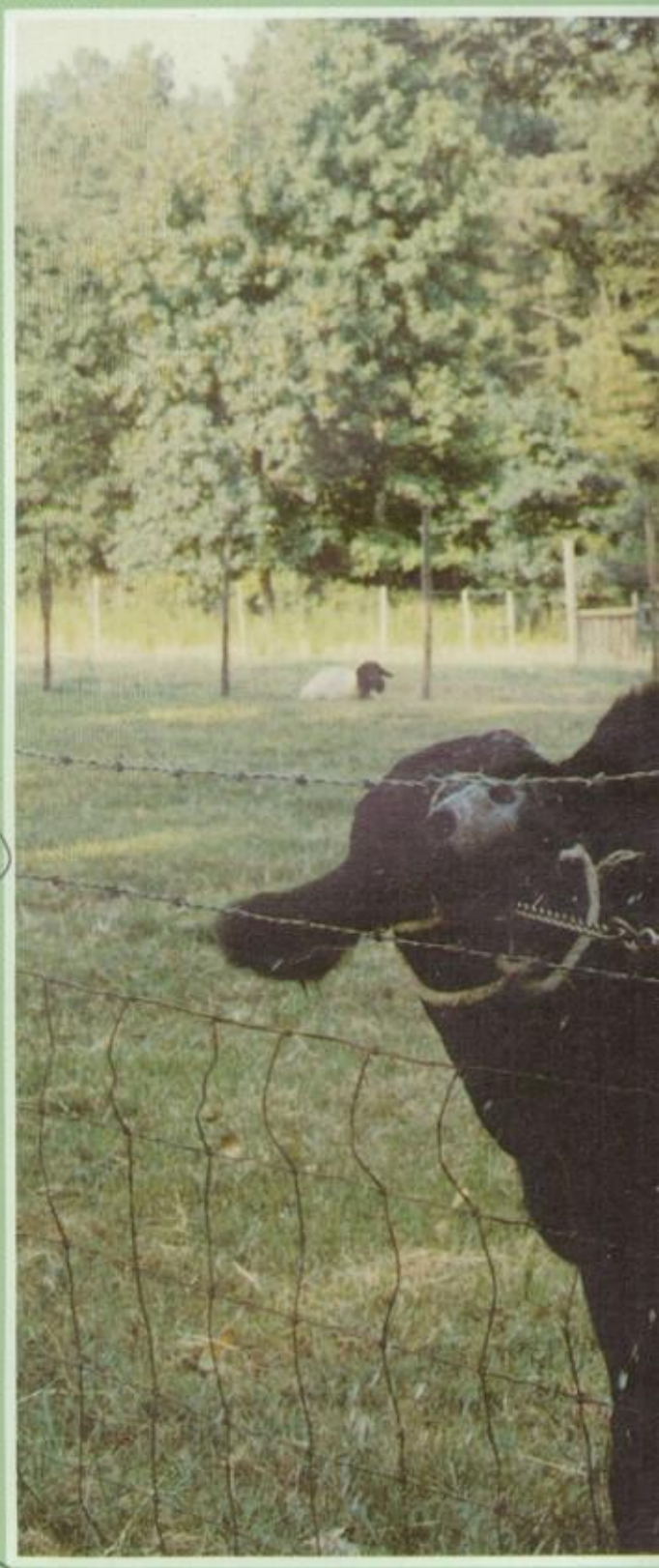
TRYING OUT—Tracy Smith, later elected as head cheerleader of the junior varsity squad, goes through her cheer during tryouts in April.

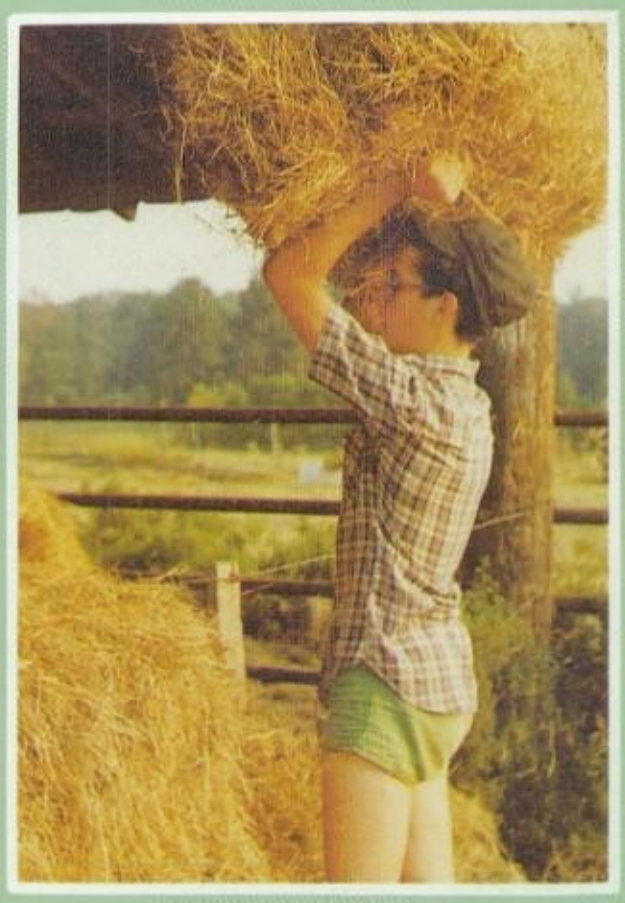
COLLEGE CREDIT—Seni ors Dorothy Hatok, Lisa Oxford, and George Tan look over an NLU yearbook, having been among those participating in the collegiate program before their senior year.

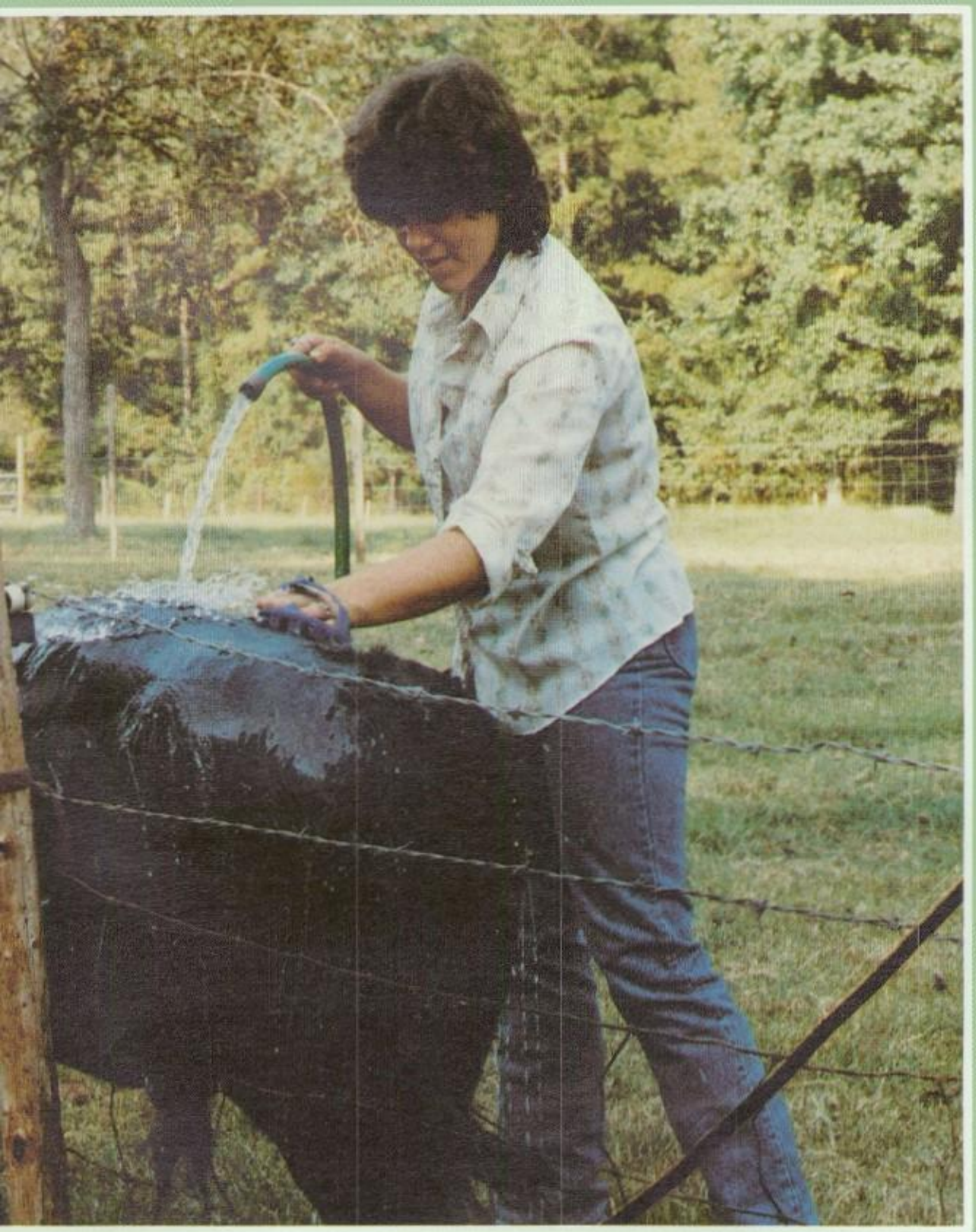


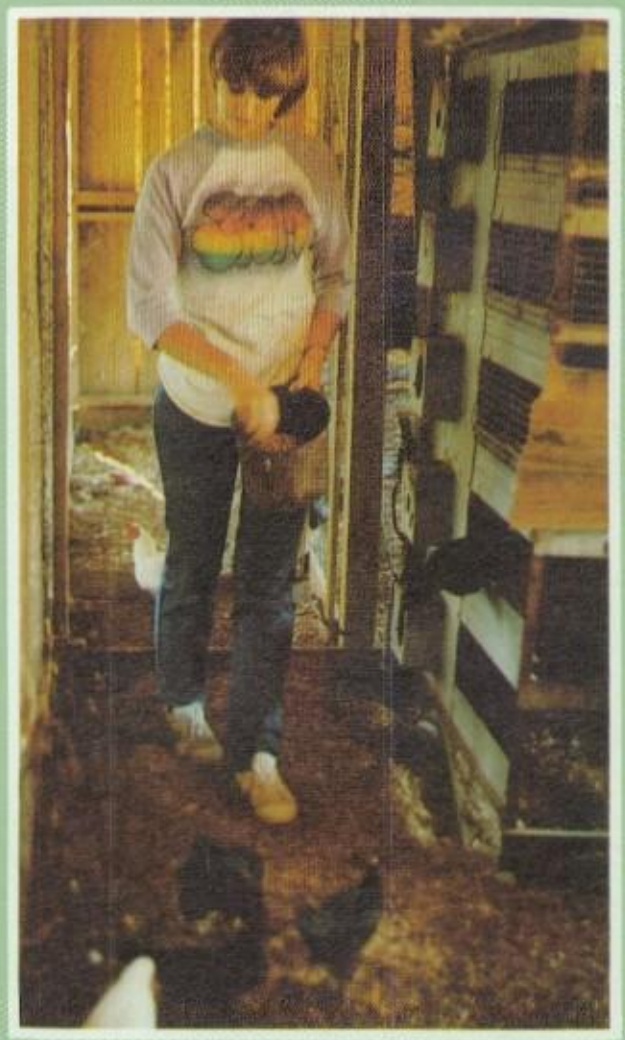


Sara,
Hi! How'd you like the 10th Grade? Well I think it's the most boringest time of school! Except there was more fun ever had in school up here! Well I hope we will always be friends & the years or however long we are in school (like 10 more years for me) your a super sweet & cute girl, also crazy! Hope you get every thing out of life that you want, lots of love, Kat
(from a cool lady)









First month of school involves students with

Orientations and Registrations

'I just have to find Penny! I didn't go to that thing Saturday, and now I'm lost," wailed a sophomore as school officially began in August.

The "thing" she referred to was sophomore orientation held the weekend before school opened to introduce new students to high school life. Club representatives, teachers, and Student Council officers discussed the many activities and opportunities available.

With a new change of scenery, sophs found it difficult to adjust to a bigger school. "My main goal was to find the auditorium, but instead, I ended up in the home ec department," commented Becky Dumas.

However, with the larger school came more advantages, more friends, and for some, more headaches, as juniors and seniors learned that arena schedulings often complicated registration. Since WMHS is one of the few schools which offer arena scheduling, many students do not readily understand the task before them in selecting specific teachers and class periods. Office personnel and counselors have found the college-type scheduling much easier since the student has the options limited only by what he registered for in the spring. It also helps to prepare the student for college registration after graduation.

But orientations and registrations didn't cease with the end of the first week. As the first months progressed, additional orientations and registrations bombarded most students.

For those who drove to school, a car registration form was a prerequisite to obtaining a parking permit.

Prospective NLU students received orientation from a university representative in September, while school leaders were oriented at a Student Council workshop one Saturday in September.

An orientation to their senior year was given juniors via the film, "The Best Days of Your Life...So Far" as they began placing thier orders for senior rings.. Juniors had another orientation toward their senior year as they began completing form for college entrance exams with ACT applications. Others learned the need for developing a suitable resume.

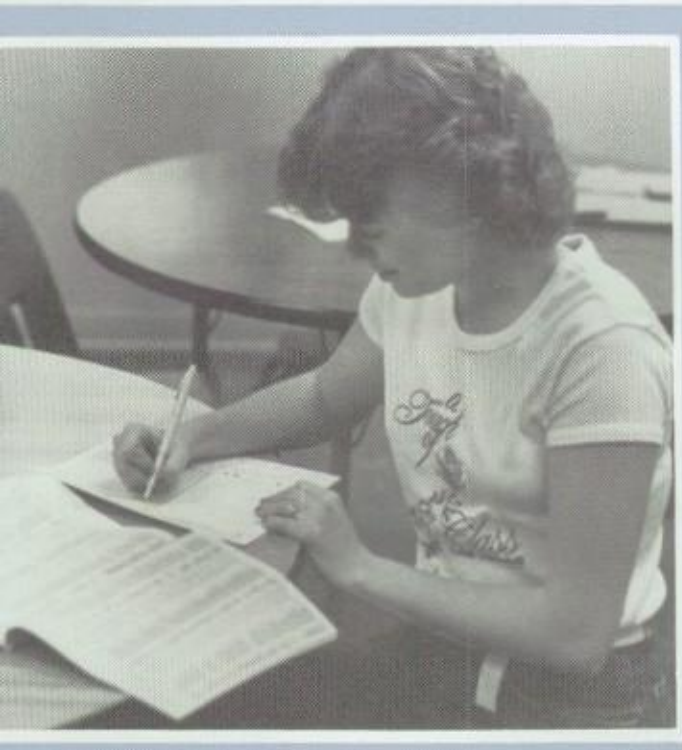
Applications for club memberships and for homecoming court oriented students to be aware of deadlines, decisions, and directions as these rounded out the month and led into other forms of registrations and orientations which would be necessary for the successful completion of the school year.

SINGLED OUT—Each club conducts its own initiation of new members as Anita Lee discovers when Jana Wilbanks pins a large "i" to her shirt as an Interact inductee.

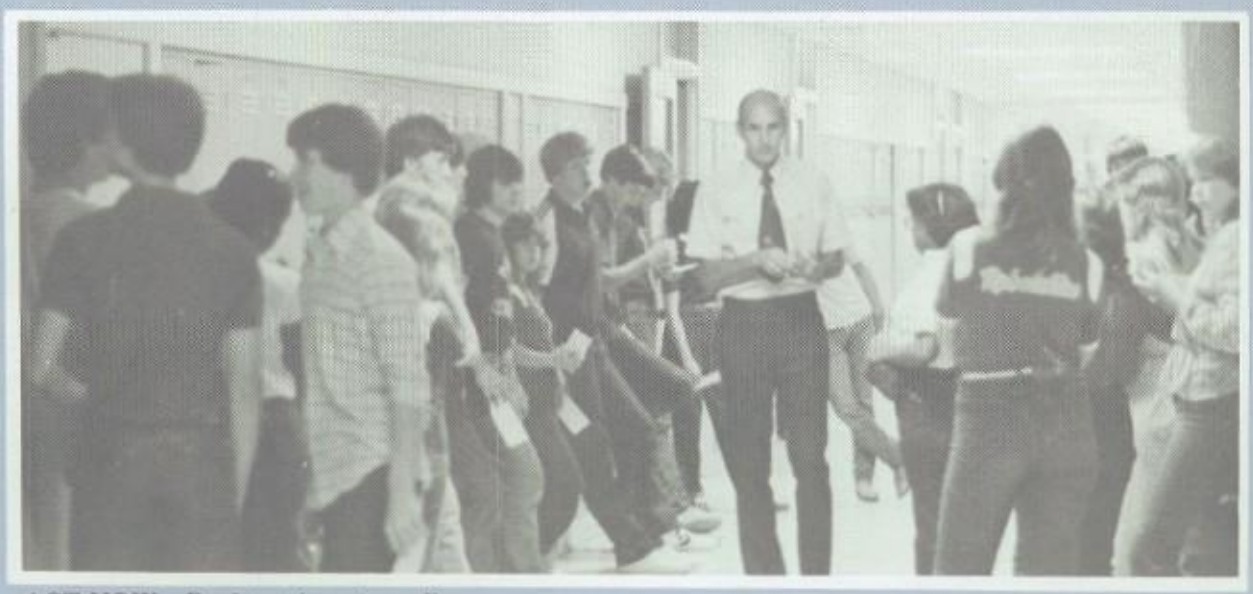
PROPER PROCEDURE—A registraton form is needed by students who drive to school and wish to park their vehicles on campus. Christy White copies a license number on the correct form to insure proper registration.

LOTS OF CHANGES—Students crowd into the office to await their turn to see Mr. Ford for necessary schedule changes.

SHARING IDEAS—Allison Adair helps with the Student Council workshop in September relating some of her ideas to benefit students.



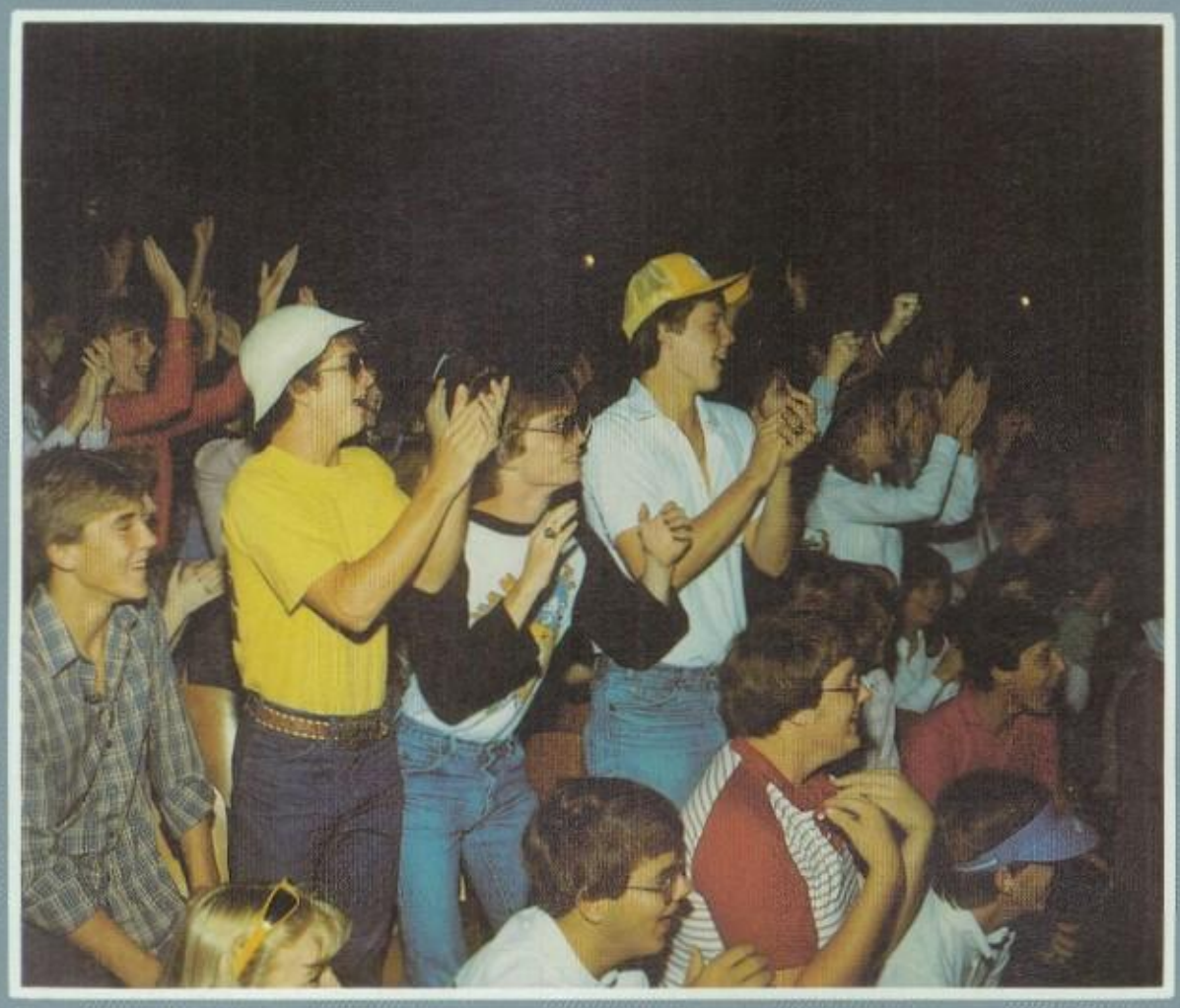
ACT NOW—Registrations for college exams is essential before formal application, and Rhonda Scharf completes the necessary ACT registration packet information.



LONG LINES—Sophomores called by last name line the halls as Mr. Bates hands out cards prior to making ID pictures, a part of the annual registration process.

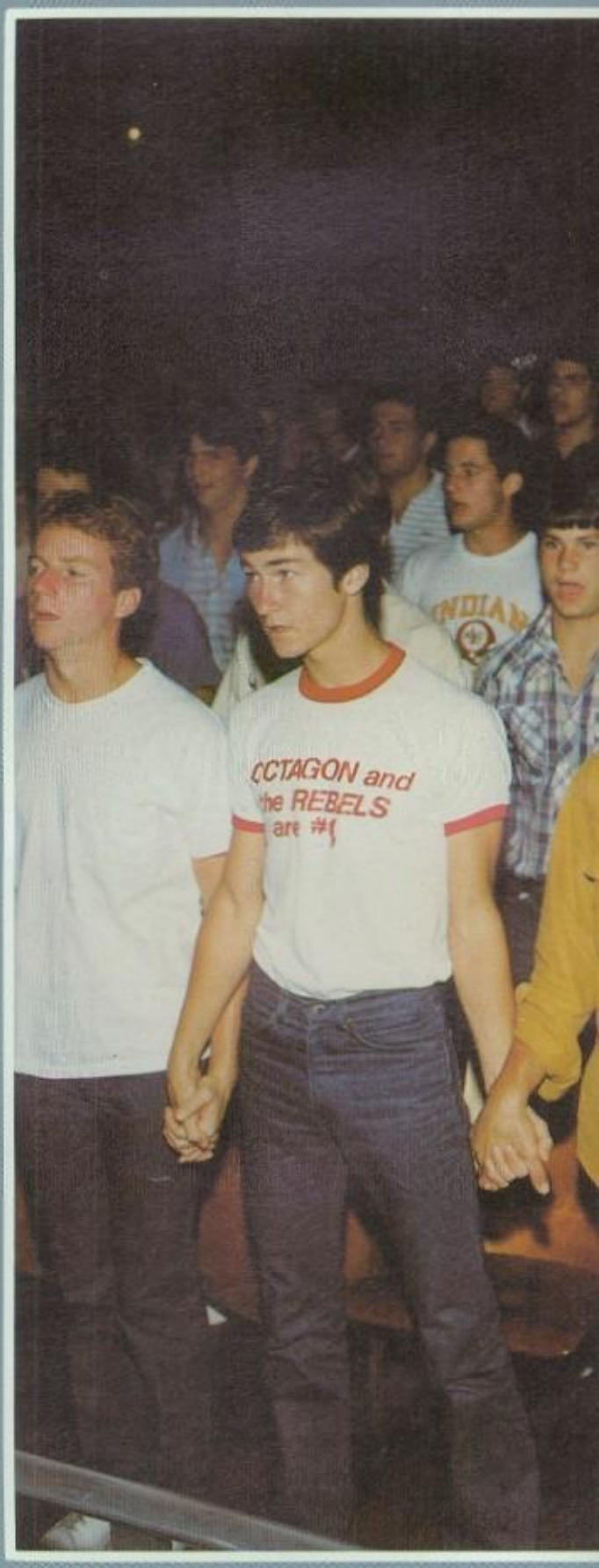
SPIRITED SENIORS

Well-filled at every pep rally, the senior section sets examples for other classes to follow in carrying out the themes and yelling at the first pep rallies.



ENTHUSIASTIC ENDORSEMENT

Beverly Hicks, Shereada Minniefield, and LaTonya Hicks endorse comments of the team captains at the Capt. Shreve pep rally.



PRECISION LINE

With a routine to "Robert E. Lee," the Rebel Raiders provide entertainment during the Morgan City pep rally.

A TIME OF REVERENCE

Varsity football players including Mike Hendrix, Dale Chelette, and Clark Cooper, pay tribute to their school as they join hands during pep rallies to sing the Alma Mater.

Themes, chants, and cheers combine to

Keep pep rallies positive

When students have the choice between a pep rally or an extended lunch break, why do so many choose the pep rally?

Maybe they want to see the Raiders dance or hear the band play.

Maybe they want to join their peers for class competition.

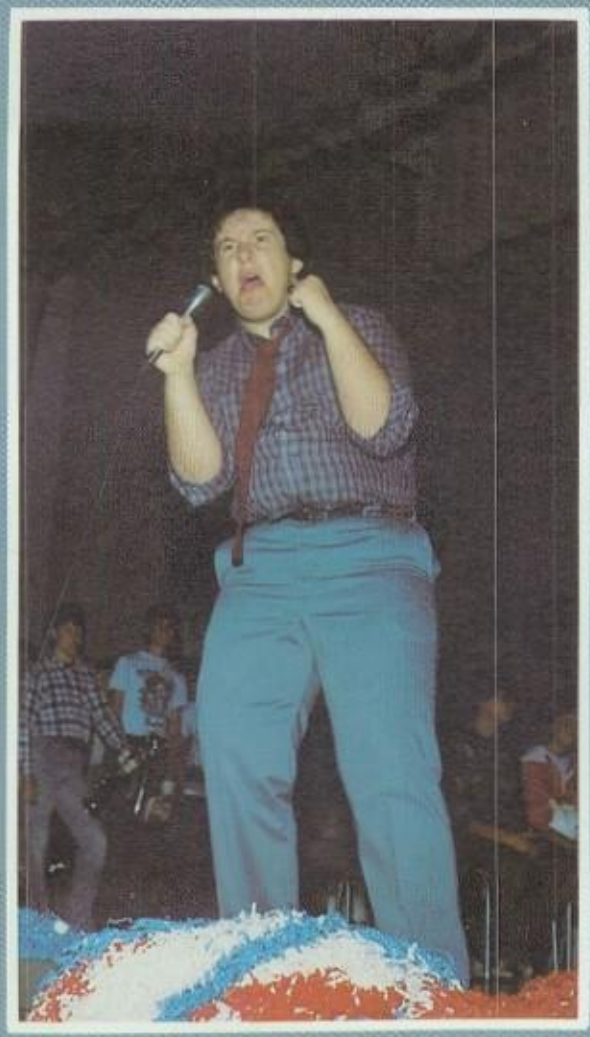
Maybe they want to hear what the coaches and team captains have to say about Ted Lewis' predictions.

Maybe they want to join in the pride that swells up when the Alma Mater is sung. Or maybe they want to practice cheering for the game that night. But whatever the reasons, they did come to the weekly pep rallies which resulted from time, energy, and sign-painting parties, as well as practice.

Early in the week, the cheerleaders picked out the main theme. Each cheerleader was assigned her own pep rally, when she was responsible for making it run smoothly. The girls then planned cheers and chants around the theme.

To get everyone involved and to make people who were not in organizations feel needed were the main goals of the cheerleaders.

"Keeping the pep rally positive is the most important thing," according to head cheerleader Lisa Thrailkill.



SHADES OF SPIRIT
The cheerleaders help carry out the theme of the week, "Let that Rebel Spirit shine," as they wear their sunglasses to promote spirit.

FOLLOW THE LEADER
With an eye to Dr. Mike Spears, members of Rebel Band perform at each pep rally.

REVENGE IS SWEET
When Rob Hurst appeared on stage as "famed" sportswriter Led Tewis, the student section cheered as fans, dressed as football players, chased him away.

FRIENDLY ENCOURAGEMENT—Joey Pleasant and David Wood encourage Jamie Bass as he workouts in the weightroom as a part of the Rebels' weekly training.

ADDING IT UP— Senior Derek Chambliss gets assistance from Mrs. Bonnie Bennett in his bookkeeping class.

Fire drills, pep rallies, substitute teachers give

A break in the routine

Unlike Garfield, whose Mondays are always to be dreaded. Students here have Mondays to provide a break in the daily routine. A student prayer and the Pledge of Allegience knocks students into the reality that there is a new school week before them.

During most of the week, students find themselves keeping the same routine. Lunch and concession breaks even contribute to the routine as they provide a time for students to relax and visit with friends.

Following the opening weeks of school when reports and forms had to be completed daily, students and teachers alike seemed to settle into standard approaches to their tasks. For those involved in preparing for upcoming events, staying after school for rehearsals and drills became a second-nature.

Many teachers tried to escape the monotony of observing the same rituals in the same manner daily. However, some routines such as checking roll prior to beginning class. Lesson plans created well in advance often give sufficient time to prepare for an "out of the ordinary" classroom experience.

Routines are not always followed, however, sometimes to the delight and other times to the dismay of students. Exams contribute to the dismay, while speakers from colleges and universities are welcome interruptions.

Ending the week during the fall gives a break in routine as both lunch shifts combine so that students may attend the pep rally and then visit with friends.

The on-again, off-again silence and low roaring of the air conditioning and heating blowers form another familiar routine as students are stunned by the lack of the constant sounds to muffle those they create.

A fire drill, an unexpected assembly, a scheduled visit to the library, or a substitute teacher may not be all that exciting, but they definitely are **not the normal routine.**

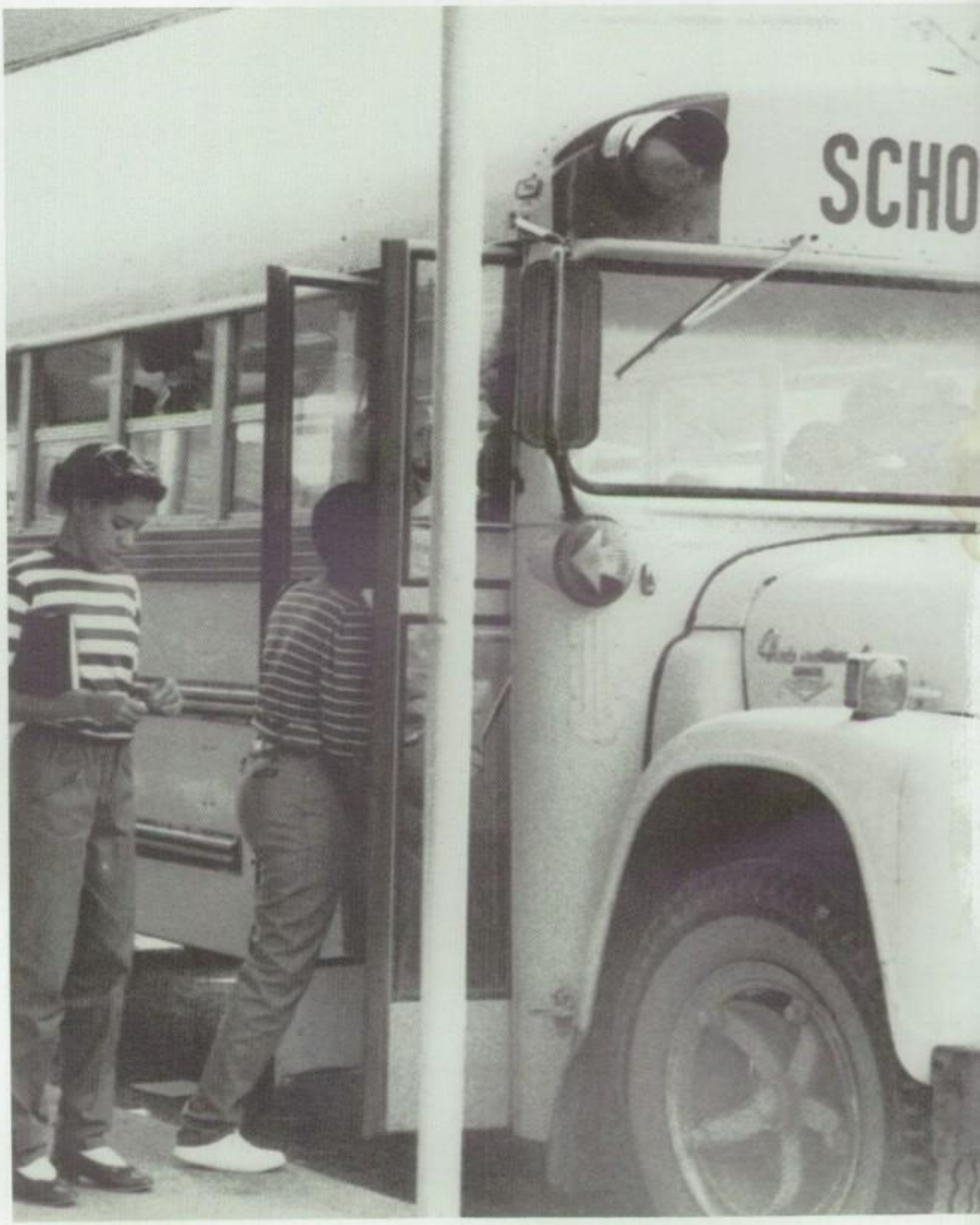
OVERTIME—As editors of the Rebel Dispatch, Lisa Foster and Stacy Sullivan spend many afternoons after school to meet deadlines. Lisa completes headlines for the first issue long after most students are home.

ROLL CALL—For most teachers, such a Coach Mike Reed, checking roll and making lesson plans are a daily routine.

TAKE A BREAK—At 12:40 most students head for the concession area to visit with friends or enjoy a Coke and candy or chips.

EXTRA SERVICE—Interact members Randy Braddock, Todd Rogers, and Rodney Farr remain after school to paint numbers on the reserved seat bleachers.

AFTER THE BELL—Football players and other athletes know that the 2 p.m. bell means several more hours of practice for them.



GOING MY WAY—Lisa Hendrix is among the many Ouachita Parish students who make the daily journey to school by bus, as she hurries to board her bus at the 3 p.m. bell.

PRACTICE TIME—To reach the ROTC building in time for practice, Randy Brown heads for his car as soon as school is out.

IN A HURRY—When the final bell sounds, student scurry out of the building to rush to appointments, food, television, or work.

AFTER SCHOOL TASK—For football trainer Chris LeBrun, the end of classes means the beginning of additional tasks as he works on the kicker's shoe prior to the Neville game.

Final signal ends daily dependence upon

The bell system

During the school year, students accomodate themselves to the sound of bells ringing. The bell that sounds at 3 p.m. is generally more welcome than the 8 a.m. bell which beckons them to their homeroom classes.

With the sound of clanging lockers, conversations, and shuffling feet down the stairs, school is out for another day. Students who ride the bus are in a race to get a seat, while students who drive rush to the parking lot to beat the rest of the traffic.

When school classes have ended, students have many planned schedules to meet. Although some more "fortunate" ones rush home to watch "Tom and Jerry" and to satisfy their munchies, others have jobs, daily practices, church youth activities, and club meetings to dominate their time.

The athletes, Raiders, cheerleaders and those seniors with sufficient credits to leave before the 3 p.m. signal, do not escape from the activities and responsibilities. For them, the 2 p.m. bell indicates an intense practice session to perfect the anticipated performances before a home or away crowd. Many of the seniors are committed to jobs.

A glance at the parking lot following the 3 p.m. stampede proves that some students do remain after school for various activities, some of which are not voluntary. According to one of several offenses, a student may be assigned to spend the first hour after he is dismissed from classes in detention so that he will correct his behavior.

"I like to take my time to get home, and then I enjoy riding my horse for relaxation. I don't see why everyone is in a big hurry at 3 p.m., because school will be here everyday," said Jamie Spillers.

"I'm in no hurry to get to the bus. I just want to get home and rest a while," commented George Tan.

While some students take their time in leaving, others are in a race for the pennant. "I race through the halls and to my car as soon as the bell sounds, because if I don't, I have to wait 30 minutes until I can get out," said Donna Lowery.

Whenever the final bell rings, whether it is at 2 or 3 p.m., the sudden influx of students toward convenience stores and fast-food restaurants makes the community well aware, that for some, school is out for the day.

Trend-conscious teens strive to maintain

The proper

What did you do during the NFL strike? If you were like many people, Intellivision, Atari, or Radio Shack TRS-80 salvaged your weekends.

And when it rained or was too cold to be out, the same home video computers and mini-arcades gave you an excuse for not reading that book due for a book report the next week.

If you went to 7-ll after school or to Johnny's or another of the popular "hangouts," you probably stood in line for your chance to play one of the newest "one-armed bandits," poking change into the greedy little machine as often as possible.

If you weren't into home video games, then maybe cable television and home video recorders were your favorite means of pastime.

Old movies and current daily shows could be taped for replay at the viewers' convenience. You might even have joined a video club, just like a tape, record or book club, to insure that you could be among the first for new releases.

Fashion-conscious teens knew what was current by viewing commercials, reading magazines, and shopping in nearby malls. Anything from the continued preppy look to the scrub look to the prairie look found its way into the wardrobes of WMHS students.

Staying in shape was another trend on students' minds. Joggers used the track daily, while local health spas offered physical fitness training through aerobics, exercises, and machine use.

COMPETITION— Dwayne Shrum and Kim Peters fill a late October Sunday competing at the pinball game of Space Invaders.

LOOK OF THE WEST— With an eye to fashion, senior LaDonna Stewart models one of the most current looks, that of a denim prairie skirt and leather boots.

GOOD REFLECTIONS— Like so many other students, Alice Lindsay chooses mirrored sunshades and a bandana headband to relieve some of the heat during her P.E. class.

CHARACTER CLOTHES— Even though it wasn't the designated Nov. 12, Hillary Frock wears her Panama Jack shirt, one of the most recent of the "name" shirts.

IN COMMAND— Trying to surpass his previous high score, Todd Rogers plays Missle Command on his home Atari system.

DYNAMIC DUO— Paired with an oxford, button-down collar shirt, the sweater is a mainstay of the wardrobe for both guys and gals, such as Judy Miller.

WARMING UP— Michelle Shelton prepares for cooler weather with one of the latest trends, that of leg warmers worn over the jeans.

Holiday precipitation brings flood waters and

A Presidential Visit

Wreaths adorning the doors and Christmas wrappings piled high belied the activities going on inside many West Monroe homes the day after Christmas.

Instead of clean-up after the holiday, many residents were moving their personal belongings out of their homes as intense rainfall and a higher-than-normal river stage flooding.

Since the gravity gates from the Black Bayou into the Ouachita River had been closed, water from the 12 inches of rain inundated many homes and apartments near the bayou. The West Monroe Guest House was also affected as National Guardsmen helped evacuate residents, who were taken to temporary center at the West Monroe Convention Center.

Across the river, residents of several subdivisions constructed sandbag levies and set up 24 hour patrols to insure prompt attention should the make-shift levy break.

National attention was focused in the area as each major network sent crews to film the floodwaters and interview persons affected by the rising waters.

For the first time, a President of the United States visited the Twin City area, as President Ronald Reagan stopped in Monroe, Sunday, Jan. 2., to view the area.

Disaster aid, flood insurance adusters, Red Cross volunteers, and friendly helping hands ushered the new year in as displaced families sought temporary housing. Clean up efforts to remove the sludge left by receeding waters began immediately as residents worked side-by-side to restore a sense of normalcy to their homes.

Among the flooded victims was Bobby Myles, who commented, "I felt very helpless and made, because there was nothing I could do about the water."

Junior Robert Long explained his situation, "My initial reaction was shock, when I returned from out of town. I was excited, because it was something different. After 2 weeks of cleaning, I was tired, and reality had set in."

FLEEING THE FLOOD - A homeless couple wade through waist deep water after heavy rains caused their townhouse apartment to flood.

AROUND-THE-CLOCK VOLUNTEERS - Under heavy clouds which threatened additional rains, volunteers worked to place sandbags along the levee at the Town & Country area.

LOUISIANA LIFE - Accompanied by Governer Dave Treen, a secret service man, and a national guardsman, President Reagan got an unusual tour of Louisiana after the flood.

DRENCHED SILHOUETTE - A solitary figure checks on his neighbors Dec. 26 in the Parkwood subdivision, one of the hardest hit areas in West Monroe.

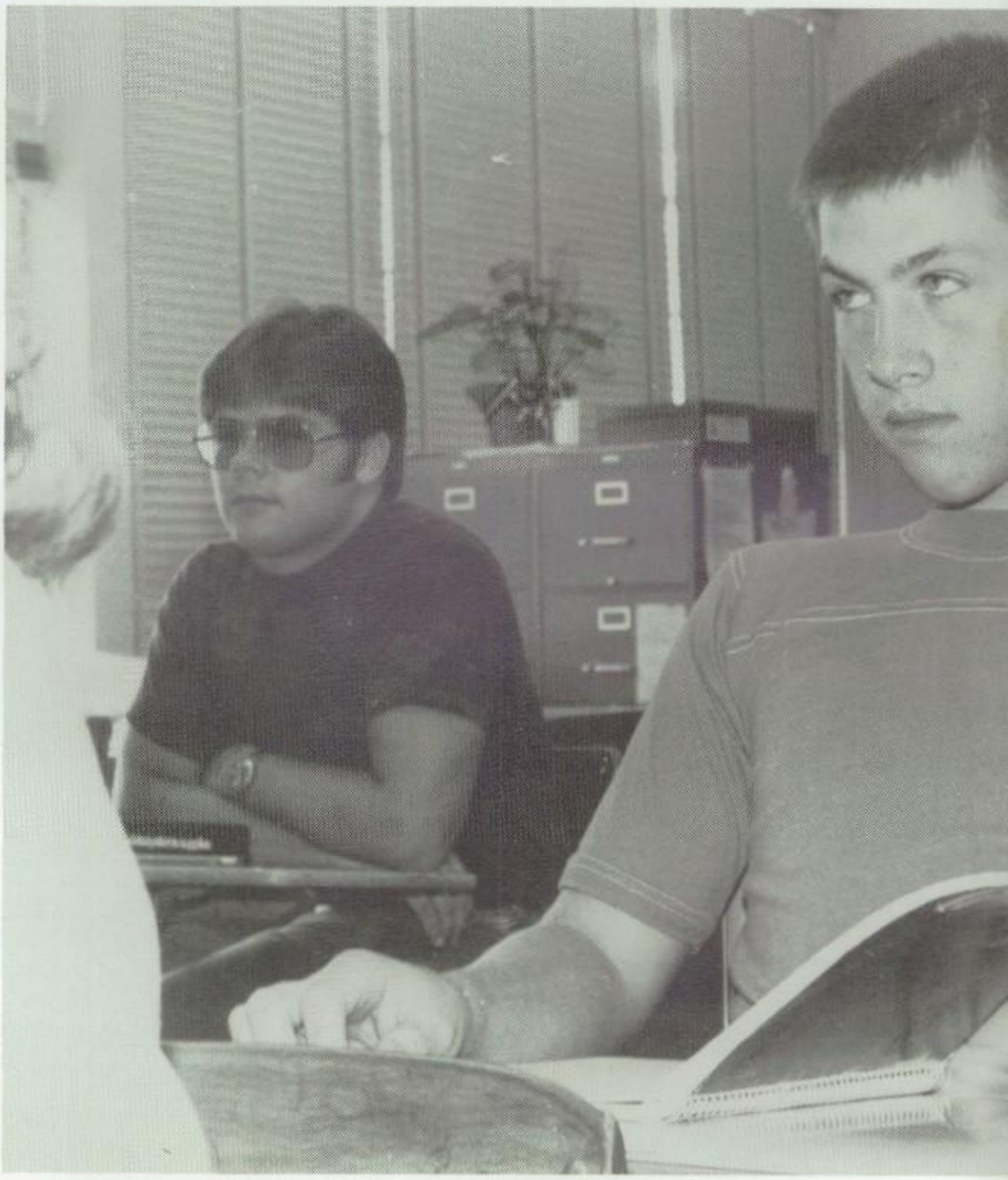
A HELPING HAND - President Ronald Reagan visited Monroe to get a first-hand look at the flood situation.

GETTING A MOVE ON - The day after Christmas, Kevin Calhoun's family moved their furniture into trucks in preparation for the rising waters.

A HOPELESS OUTLOOK - Instead of gently flowing water of the Ouachita Lazarre Beach was marked by steadily rising flood waters leaving many residents wondering what kind of swimming and skiing facilities would be left.

SHARED FEELINGS— Senior Sharen Young congratulates her twin sister Karen, who had just been announced as a senior maid on the homecoming court.

TOGETHERNESS— Sisters Liz, Jackie, and Amanda Grazier make use of the convenience of sharing lockers.



WATCHING OUT— Brothers Mike and Gary Aldridge signed up for the same course and the same period, even though there was the disadvantage described by Mike, "If I mess up in journalism, he'll (Gary) tell Mom about it."

RATHER HANDY— Siblings Bubba and Kim Frantom share a ride to school each day, since as a junior he can park closer than Kim can.

FAMILY COURTESY — Senior Bob Prestridge opens the door for sister Debbie, a junior, as they enter the building.

Seeing your siblings here makes WMHS

Almost like home

From borrowing money to sharing lockers, there are an infinite number of advantages to having a sibling at school.

"If I need to borrow money, I know my sister has some," said senior Ashley Blazier about her sister, sophomore Scarlett.

"Our parents don't have to go to different games," noted Angela Jones, sophomore, who is in Rebel Band. Sis Michelle is on Rebel Raiders.

However, with the advantages come disadvantages, as viewed by Julie Tan, "One disadvantage I discovered was the comparison to the other. It makes me feel pressured to do as well as George." For Mike Aldridge, such a comparison with his younger brother was welcomed "Since I'm better looking than he is."

Belonging to rival organizations and working out transporation routes are the other most common disadvantages cited by many of the siblings at WMHS.

Even though comparisions seemed inevitable, most siblings determined that "it's what a person accomplishes individually that counts."

Differences in siblings generally were limited to attitudes and values. "Kim is a super-neat person and is always organized. She loves a schedule, and I despise one," commented Todd Peters, senior, about differences, According to Jeri Ellis, the major difference between her and brother John is that "John has bigger feet."

Sharing some common interests and ideas is found among the siblings. "We both like to ski, swim, talk on the phone, and dance," explained Penny Brown about her and sister Pam.

Being a sibling at WMHS could be more difficult for some people, but not for Sharen Young, twin sister of Karen, who commented, "I think having a sibling is easier because she tells me ahead of time what to look out for and what to be prepared for."

E.T. SAYS 'REST'— Because of hectic week of wearing the heavy, quilted E.T. costume, Bobby Traweek takes any moment he can to rest before continuing with the homecoming game, where he joined the court in the Corvette processional and assisted the cheerleaders in yelling.

PRINCIPAL'S KISS — During the halftime ceremonies, Maid of Honor Michelle Lewis receives a congratulations' kiss from Principal Cecil Pirkey.

WATCHING THE SHOW— Football managers Otis Jackson, Chris Martin, Andre' Rayford, and Jeff Counts was the court presentation while the team is in the locker room.

SURPRISE— When her name was called as 1982 homecoming queen, Lisa Thrailkill registered astonishment as she was congratulated by senior maids Karen Henry and Barbara Westfall.

Bits & pieces of materials & magic help

E.T. find a home

A little bit of cardboard, a little bit of glue, a little bit of fabric, a little bit of magic, and a whole lot of interested and devoted folks welcomed an E.T. to WMHS for the annual homecoming assembly program in October.

Like the previous year, heavy rains began the day of the program, which included Open House for parents, and expectations for a large crowd dwindled as the forecast worsened. Brave souls ventured out, and 30 minutes before the start of the program, the corridors were resounding with the voices of young people who were soon to appear on stage. Girls in long dresses and hot rollers, guys in uniforms, and teachers issuing last-minute instructions kept the chatter going until the pit band, under the direction of Dr. Michael Spears began the overture, the theme from "E.T."

To an almost full house, the more than 200 participants in the prgram began their roles in the 1982 homecoming assembly program.

Based on the popular E.T.-theme, the program featured its own E.T.'s at the school. With the help of narrators Stacy Sullivan and Pam Weems, the local E.T., portrayed by Bobby Traweek, saw the Exciting Times in clubs, the Excellent Teaching in academics, the Enthusiastic Teamwork of athletics, and the Extremely Talented student musicians.

The final E.T., that of Elegant Traditions, was the final scene, as the 14 members of the homecoming court were presented. Assisted by son Trey, Coach Andy Long crowned Lisa Thrailkill as homecoming queen and Michelle Lewis as maid of honor.

Throughout the week, door decorations had been constructed in place of the stadium displays. Winners of the

FATHER AND SON— Under the watchful eyes of his son Trey, Coach Andy Long adjusts the ribbon on Juli Latham, band sweetheart.

I'M GONNA LIVE FOREVER— To demonstrate the Exceptional Talent in vocal music, members of Ensemble sang numbers from the hit movie "Fame."

QUEEN'S BOUQUET — Principal Cecil Pirkey hands Queen Lisa Thrailkill her traditional rose bouquet as her father Bobby Thrailkill watches.

Homecoming

contest were announced at the assembly with Mrs. Adair's room winning first.

The following day proceeded as a routine pep rally day as cheerleaders, Raiders, and football players promoted the spirit begun the previous night. In the humid night air, festivities resumed as the court, and E.T., paraded around the track in Corvettes for pre-game show. During the halftime, the court was again presented, with Principal Cecil Pirkey crowning the queen.

The Rebels battled the number 5 ranked in 3-A Springhill Lumberjacks to a 0-0 tie in the ballgame.

Concluding the homecoming weekend was the annual dance at the 'Recreation Center Saturday night, featuring none other than E.T. and his spaceship. E.T. it seems, had found his home.

WATCH CLOSELY NOW— Pam Weems and Stacy Sullivan introduce the space creature to the academic environment at WMHS.

HELPING HAND— Lisa Moore glues letters on a classroom door to help E.T. find his home.

MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE— At the halftime presentation, Karen Williams is escorted across the dance floor for the court introduction.

QUEEN'S SERENADE— To the young lady just named homecoming queen, Chip McNeil sang "Lady" to Lisa in the traditional serenade at the conclusion of the assembly program.

MOMENTS OF ANXIETY— As the members of the homecoming court await their name to be called, they listen to the introductions read by Mike Banks as each girl is met by her father.

Allison Adair (Jr.)
Linda Lou Ford (Soph.)
Suzy Fuller (Sr.)
Sherry Harris (Soph.)

Karen Henry (sr.)
Juli Latham (Sr.)
Band Sweetheart
Amy Meadows (Jr.)
Kim Odom (Soph.)

Alisa Thurman (Sr.)
Barbara Westfall (Sr.)
Karen Williams (Jr.)
Karen Young (Sr.)

AT ODDS——Tina Hodden, as portrayed by Amy Shamblin, argues in the ever-changing restaurant about the value of the strike.

INSTANT AGING —Not only does Mrs. Linda Townsend direct the fall play, but also she helps actors "Get into character" as she applies makeup and hair spray to Randy Braddock.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT——Needing money from the trustees, Kathy Socha relates her problem to the campus statue of the founder.

TOUCH UPS——As a campus police officer brought in to quell the strike, Stephanie Duke gets helps before the play with her makeup from Bobby Myles.

HEAD HANCHO——As leader of the student strikers, GoGo, portrayed by Lori Harrist, delivers a pep talk to fellow students.

Phone call doesn't stop

Annual fall play

A phone call early in the morning on the day of the final performance of "If That's Where it's At, Baby, I'm Not Going" sent cast members into a frenzy.

Rain and six weeks of daily rehearsals, in addition to Saturday set construction sessions, had cast and crew members of the comedy ready to take the final curtain call. But the Friday before Thanksgiving holidays will be remembered by the juniors and Thespians associated with the fall play because Kim Rountree, playing a major role in the comedy, called early that morning...from the hospital where her doctor had placed her.

A worried Lisa Foster, who had been student director, was the only one who knew Kim's lines well enough to go on stage that evening, and Lisa was nervous. A later phone call reassured Mrs. Linda Townsend, director, that Kim would be released from the hospital later that evening, just to be in the play, if necessary.

Fortunately, Kim's hospital stay was limited to the one day, she appeared on stage that evening, and Lisa was saved from making a hasty stage debut.

Last-minute difficulties don't often occur, but many times other difficulties arise, such as the late arrival of the scripts, student participation in other activities that met after school, and students who had to drop out because of after-school jobs.

However, as in the case of Kim Rountree, everything turned out satisfactorily. "Students who 'stayed for the show' were great. The cast was bright and energetic. They were easy to work with and amiable with one another," noted Mrs. Townsend.

A large cast, several good female roles (since three to four times more girls tried out than did boys), and several good character roles were among the reasons the comedy was chosen as the first play of the year.

"Comedies are not necessarily harder than dramas, but they are more fun to do. It's earsier to get the audience's attention," commented Stacy Sullivan, who had the male lead.

Lori Harrist, female lead, added, "Everybody in the cast and crew was great. I was kind of scared, but everybody gave me a lot of support, and we had a lot of fun."

Students who wanted to be a part of the play without being on the stage contributed to the performance. 'I didn't want to do the actual acting but wanted to participate. My friends had been student directors and I wanted to try my hand at it," Lisa explained.

OVER—PROTECTED——Once she was released, in real life, from the hospital in time for the performance, Kim Rountree plays the role of an eccentric aunt to Stacy Sullivan.

Poisonings, trial, disasters, and deaths make '82

An Unforgettable Year

The year was only a few days old and already the President of the U.S. had visited the Monroe area.

President Ronald Reagan made a surprise visit to Monroe January 3 to tour the Town and Country subdivision, one of the hardest hit flood areas and to promise a request for a presidental declaration. Reagan made his 90-minute visit after returning from a vacation in Palm Springs.

Reagan, who was the first Preident to ever visit Monroe, talked to the victims and then went to KMLB where he gave a 3-minute speech, promising federal assistance for the area.

Although 1983 shows indications of being an exciting year, 1982 was a year of big newsmakers.

In many towns across the country, Halloween was canceled after seven people in the Chicago area had been killed after taking cyanide-laced Extra-Strength Tylenol.

John Hinckley Jr. was found innocent by reason of insanity of trying to kill President Reagan and was committed indefinitely to a federal hospital.

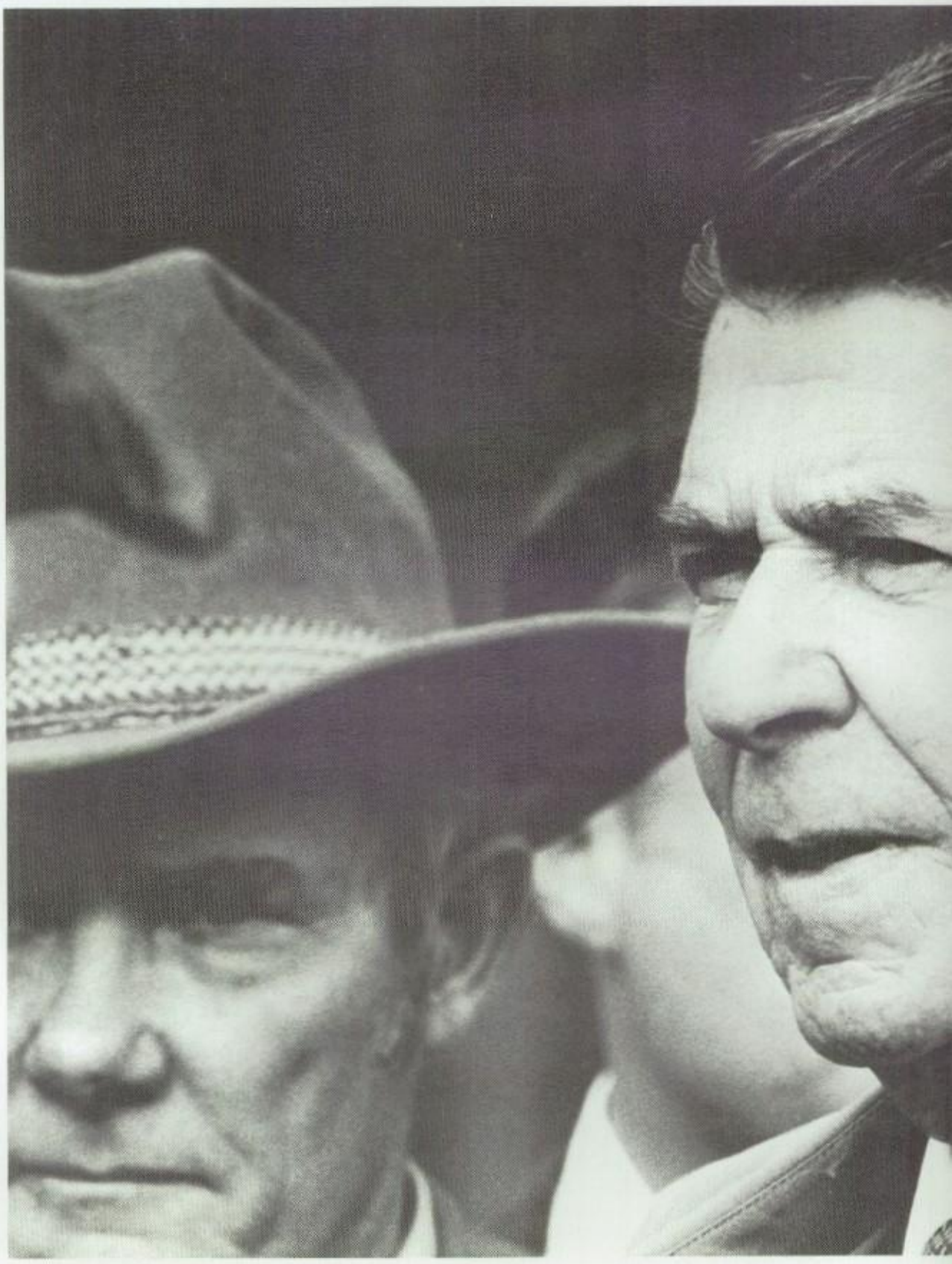
Some good news was found in '82. Dr. Barney Clark, a dentist from Seattle, was the first human to receive a man made heart. The operation, which was Clark's only hope of survival, was performed by Dr. William DeVries, who is the only surgeon authorized to conduct this operation.

Several heroes came from an accident that occurred when an Air Florida Boeing 737 plowed into the Potomac River. The crash claimed 78 lives of the 90 passengers.

The world was touched with several deaths. Soviet leader Leonid I. Brezhnev died of a heart attack at the age of 74; film stars Henry Fonda at the age of 77; Ingrid Bergman at age 67; comedian-actor John Belushi at age 33; Coach Bear Bryant at age 69; and actress-turned princess Princess Grace of Monaco, 52 who died of injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

In June, the second in line to the British throne, Prince William Philip Arthur George, the son of Prince Charles and Princess Diana, was born.

The year 1982 was a time of mourning for some and a time of happiness for others.



THE PRESIDENTAL VISIT- Within a 90-minute visit, President Ronald Reagan shows his concern after seeing the flooded conditions in Town and Country subdivision. (Picture courtesy of the News-Star World)

Washington bound

A trip to Washington, D.C., will highlight the month of March for Rob Hurst.

Rob earned the approximately four-to-five-day trip as the state winner of the Voice of Democracy contest. He was eligible for state competition, having first won the district competition in the annual contest sponsored by Veterans of foreign War.

In Washington, he will compete against other state winners, all of whom wrote and taped an original essay on the subject "Youth-America's Strength."

Among the comments in his winning essay was "Now most youth don't care about themselves. They're not getting involved."

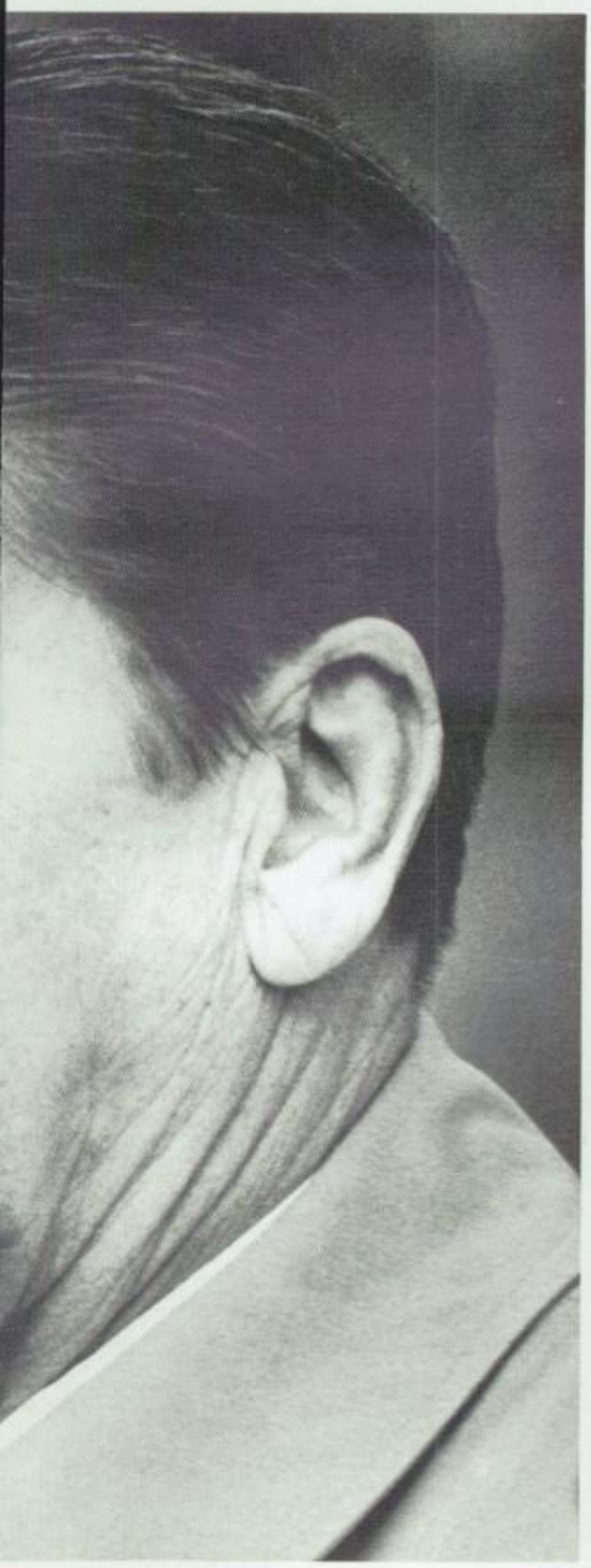
Yesterday's look

When many people have trouble getting enough money to fill up their car, Michelle Mayo doesn't. She puts $5 worth of gas in her car to last almost a week and a half.

Michelle is the owner of a 1981 built replica of a burgandy and silver 1929 Mercedes-made Gazelle and according to her "It's an eye-catcher."

The surprise came a week before school started and in that week she had to learn how to drive a standard car.

"It doesn't have a great heater so I take a blanket with me in the winter," commented Michelle about one of the inconveniences of her car.



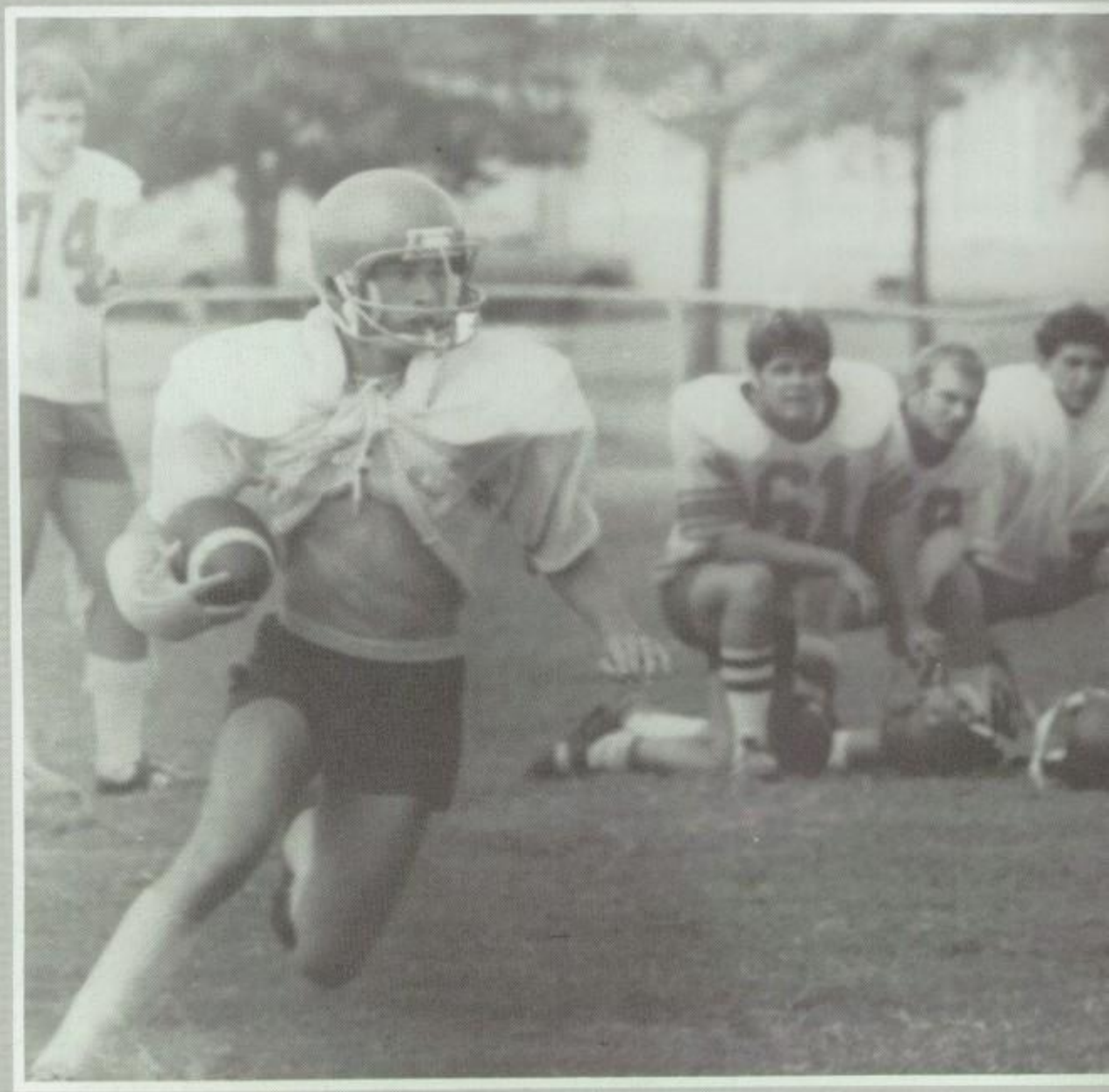
Back at home

The retirement of football jersey #20 was officially completed Jan. 20 on Jerry Stovall Day. At an assembly in the auditorium Jerry Stovall and his high school teammates talked about old times. The mayor of West Monroe Dave Norris declared the occasion as Jerry Stovall Day.

After the assembly the whole city of West monroe was invited to a reception at the convention center in his honor that night.

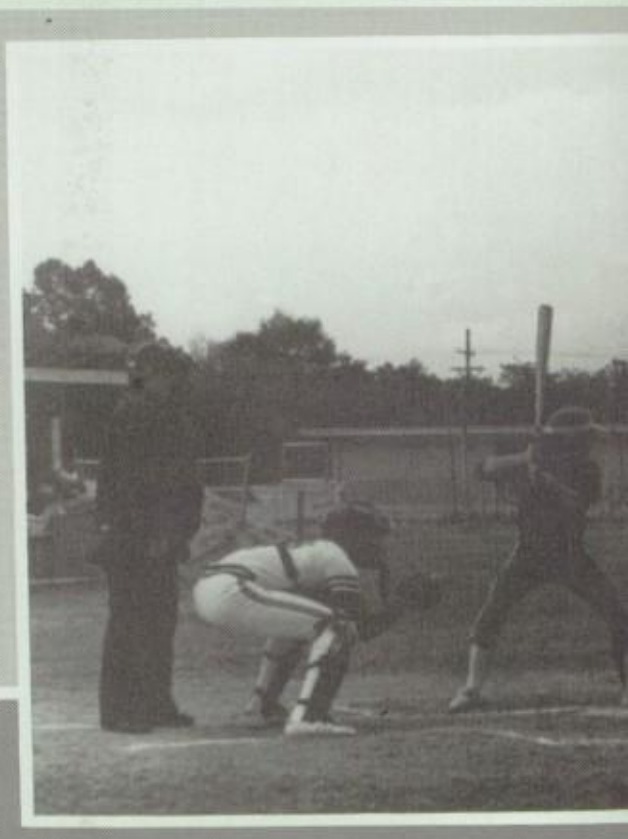
SPORTS

Although WMHS has reached age 30, many of the same sports remain. Football, baseball, track, basketball, tennis, and golf compose a major part of the



NOWHERE TO GO— During an August practice session, Chuck Martindale watches for a hole to open in the defensive line.

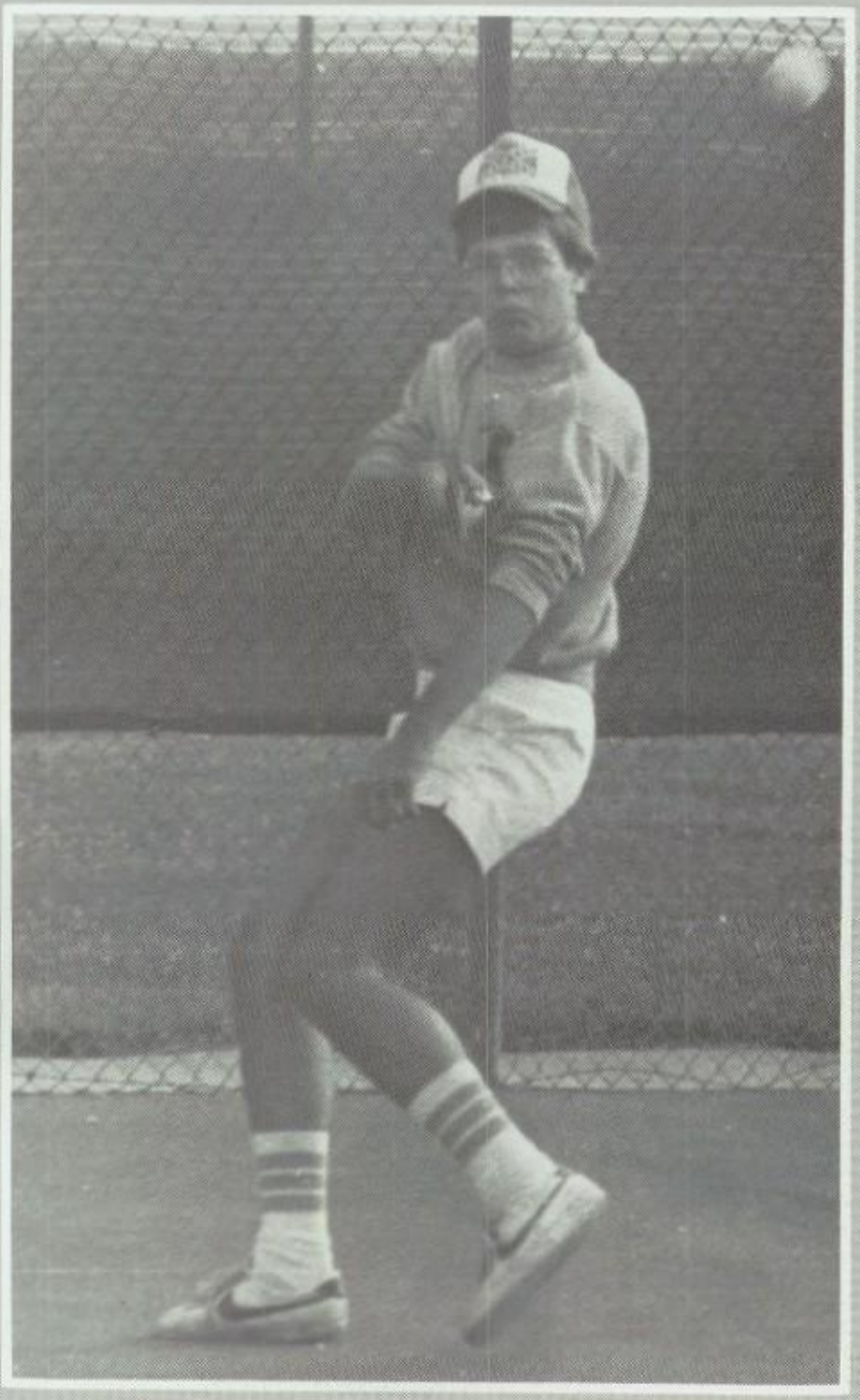
BATTER UP —Keeping his eye on the ball, a Rebel team member prepares to hit the baseball into the opponents' weak field.

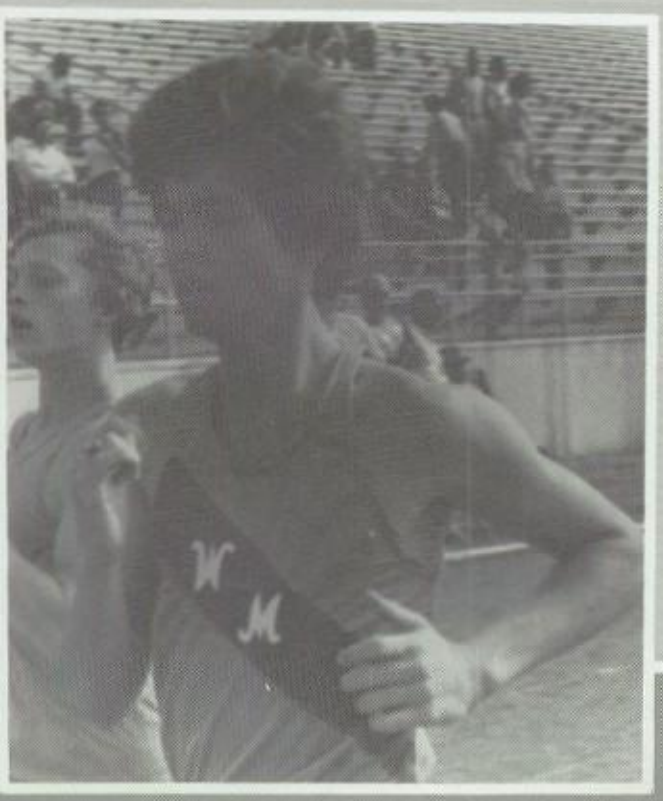


athletic program.

Better facilities and expansion into girls' sports have boosted the entire sports program.

A football stadium, a baseball diamond, and tennis courts have been added to encourage student participation in school sports. Through the improvement of existing programs, and the addition of new ones, WMHS continues to be "Distinguished by the Gray."





QUICK RETURN— To earn a spot on the '83 tennis team, Jay Mitchell practices as often as possible to keep in form.

SEE NICK RUN —One of the returning thinclads for Coach Jack Williams' cross country team was senior runner Nicky Waugh.

WINDING UP — Sophomore Kenny Guillot prepares to drop the bomb on an opposing batter en route to one of his two victories for the varsity Rebels.

Varsity squad learns to FOLLOW 'MO'

Coach Dan McClure is not known for basing his hopes on the future but he did not mind saying that the '83 varsity team will have the momentum. Momentum in this case, does not refer only to team initiative but also to the coach, dubbed by his squad as "Mo."

In the Rebs case, "Mo" chased the team through its last four district games, enabling it to emerge as victor in each.

While those last four victories were essential in raising the varsity's 14-10-1 to above .500, so was Mike Johnson essential in leading WM to these last four victories. As a matter of fact Johnson, the senior two-year letterman, was responsible for most of WM's success. Johnson led the rebels with a .493 ba, 35 hits, 21 runs, 9 doubles and 2 triples. He finished second to junior Stacey Bryan in four-baggers.

All-District was a cinch for Johnson while teammates Jerry McCullough and Todd Johnson also earned the honor.

McCullough's All-District patch was earned through pitching. The senior letterman posted a team best 4-1 record.

Sophomores Kenny Guillot and Steve Anderson contributed to the varsity while coming up from J.V. with a 2-0 and 3-1 record, respectively.

The Junior Varsity Rebs rallied behind first year Coach Phil Keifenhiem to post a respectable 6-3 record.

SAFE AT FIRST — Junior Guy Yarbrough beats out the throw to first base as Carroll infielder pulls his foot off the bag.

MOWING 'EM DOWN — Junior Varsity pitcher Scott Lofton throws hard against a Rebel opponent.

GET BACK — First baseman Guy Yarbrough completes an attempt to pick off a Carroll baserunner.

VARSITY BASEBALL-(front)- David Williams, Mike Johnson, Brett Vance, Mark Sikes, Greg Smith, Kelly Frazier, Les Aulds, Todd Johnston, Mike Murray, Gaylon Lenard,-(back)-Jason Pleasnt, Jim Herbet, Guy Yarbrough, Stacey Brian, James Richardson, Scott Fordham, Fred Paul Smith; mgr.

JUNIOR VARSITY-(front)-Jake Parks, Tom Mulhearn, Cleve Saxton, Jamie Russell, Keith Karr, Craig Spivey, Kirk Albritton,-(back)-Shawn Rogers, Darrell Evans, Keith Wilbanks, Danny Orr, Terry Bostic, Phil Middleton, Scot Loftin.

Varsity

WM	Opp.	
10	2	Bastrop
10	2	Farmerville
7	7	Jena
9	8	Farmerville
4	2	Fair Park
8	4	Jena
0	2	Neville
5	6	Ruston
10	1	Carroll
7	9	Bastrop
6	9	Ouachita
8	9	Neville
		Tournament
4	17	Neville
10	1	Carroll
7	6	Ruston
5	4	Ouachita

Season Record
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Junior Varsity

WM	Opp.	
3	6	Ouachita Christian (var.)
7	12	Bastrop
9	3	Ruston
4	3	Caldwell
19	3	Ruston
8	7	Caldwell
11	4	Caldwell
6	7	Ouachita
7	2	Ouachita

Season Record
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ANTICIPATION — Senior Faith Smith, catcher for the Lady Rebels, takes a stance to await her pitch in an afternoon game at Confederate Park.

Coach dubs
Lady Rebs as

THE GREATEST

A school record for wins in a single season was set by the Lady Rebels Softball team enroute to their 22-2 season standing, 4-0 district mark and championship, and quarterfinals of state playoff.

Leading the way for the girls was pitcher Claudia Roberts, who featured in the News-Star-World spring focus and sports banquet for outstanding area athletes.

Among her accomplishments, striking out an average of two batters per inning, throwing the softball 60 mph underhanded, and maintaining a batting average of 390.

Calling it the "the greatest team West Monroe has ever had," Coach Truett Thorn took the girls to state playoffs following their victories over Natchitoches-Cental, 17-0, and Sulphur, 8-2. In the finals in Denham Springs, West Monroe lost to Tara 8-1, with Tara going on to win the state championship.

"The future teams are expected to stay on the 'high plains.' If they're not, it's the coach's fault," commented Coach Thorn, concerning the season prospects for 1983. Several promising players, including Lynn Socha, Tammy Murphy, Kathy Socha, Rhonda Scharf, Susan Wilson, and Karen Williams, are expected to be returning to the team he said.

CELEBRATE — Coach Truett Thorn joins Joellen Spurgeon and other teammates in celebrating another Rebel victory, as the lady Rebs went on to a 22-2 season.

HANG A LEFT — Kathy Socha rounds second base as she keeps a watchful lookout on the ball.

Lady Rebels Softball

WM		OPP.
19	Ouachita	3
28	Jonesboro	
7	Calhoun	5
16	Wossman	0
10	Ruston	4
12	Ruston	1
14	Oua. Chr.	7
18	Ouachita	2
5	Mansfield	4
22	Oua. Chr.	6
21	Ouachita	8

DISTRICT PLAYOFFS

WM		OPP.
17	Nachitoches Central	0
8	Sulfur	2

STATE PLAYOFF

WM		OPP.
1	Tara	8

SEASON RECORD 22-2

THE WIND-UP — During her warm-up before beginning another inning, Lady Rebel pitcher Claudia Roberts concentrates on her strategy.

Teams work to establish

A COURT DECISION

The addition of players from the junior high schools and the help of Highland Country Club tennis pro Lynn Mercer helped the WMHS tennis teams to enter state competition in New Orleans.

The girls' team had only one loss, that coming from Ruston, 4-3.

Overall, the girls compiled an 8-1 record behind number one seed Missy Tatum, who was a partner in the doubles team. Tracey Hamel, a WMJH freshman, aided the efforts.

The boys posted a 4-5 record, and were paced by top seeded Jeff Raper and second seeded Darren Stewart. Jeff was a freshman player from Boley Junior High.

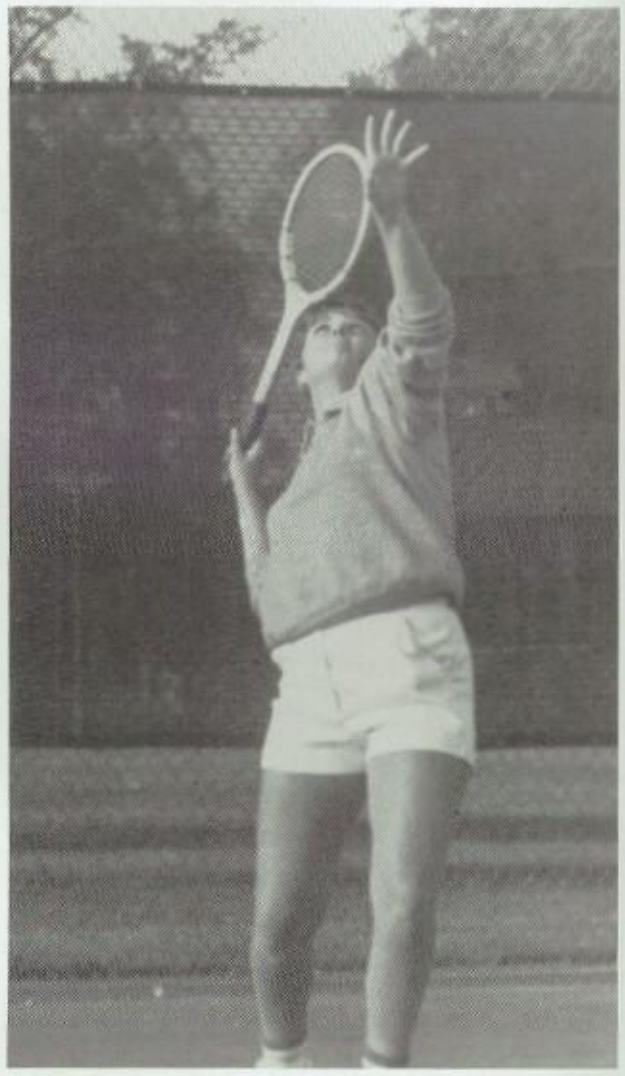
Led by Coach Roy Peters, two doubles teams which had won second in regionals, traveled to the state competition in the spring.

In their first outing, both teams met Neville, with the girls winning 6-1. In their next outing, both boys and girls won against St. Fredricks, girls 4-3 and boys 6-1.

WMHS finished the season against Neville in a match played in regional format. The girls won 4-0, while the doubles team and the boys team lost 4-0.

SWING AWAY- Chris LeBrun follows his drive down the fairway by chipping to the green after a successful drive.

EYES IN THE SKY- Senior Missy Tatum concentrates on smashing a serve which she used to gain top seeding among girls competition.



TENNIS TEAM-(front)-Rodney Farr, Jeff Raper, Darren Stewart, David Curry, Mark McDuffie, Vickie Mason, Lisa Smith, Laurie Ochs, Kristie Whitlock. (back)-Coach Roy Peters, Missy Tatum, Derrick Holman, Chuck Massey, Carolyn Bennett, Ronnie Williams, Joey DeLoach, Kim Hammonds.

ON THE WAY- Pat Magouirk follows through from the tee sending a fine drive down the fairway.

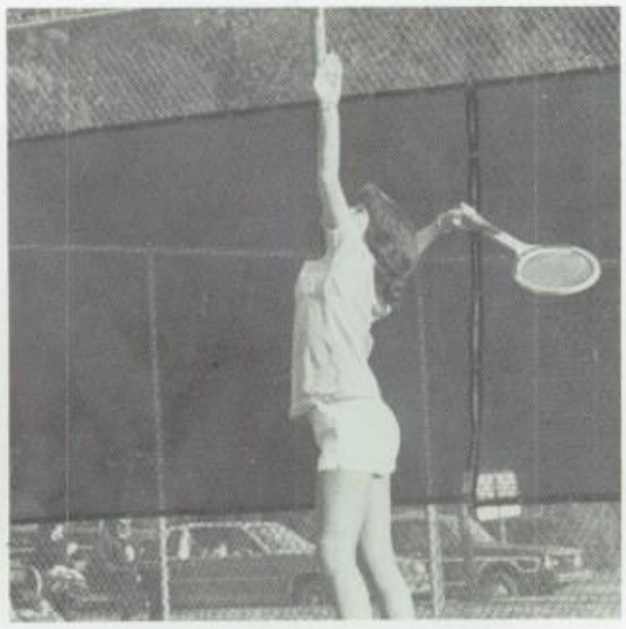
Tennis

	WMHS	OPP.
Neville	6-1	6-1
St. Fredricks	4-3	6-1
Ruston	6-1	4-3
Tallulah	4-3	3-0
Rayville	5-2	6-1
Ruston	7-0	4-3
St. Fredricks	7-2	5-2
Rayville	7-0	6-1
Neville	4-0	3-0
	boys'	girls'

Golf

GOLF SCOREBOARD

PLACE	HOST	WMHS
Highland	West Monroe	3rd
Pine Hills	Ruston	4th
Selmon Field	St. Fredricks	2nd
Chenault	Ouachita	3rd
Chenault	District	4th
Chenault	Regional	5th



SMASH- Freshman Jeff Raper sends a shot toward the net with a blazing backhand.

YOUNG PHENOM- Freshman Tracy Hamel prepares to knock off another opponent with a powerful serve.

SAIL AWAY — A powerful thrust by Mike Murray sends the javelin soaring during the annual Rebel Relays.

Determination, hard work, pride

PUSH TEAMS INTO DISTRICT

Through determination, hard work, and pride the Lady Rebel track team brought the season to a close with two third places, three seconds, and one first. The 400-meter and 200-meter runs were the major strengths.

The district meet, which was held in Ruston, was composed of teams from Carroll, Ouachita, Ruston, and West Monroe. West Monroe came in second to Carroll because of disqualification.

"I think we had a track team that had drive and motivation. We had a few experienced runners, and through our defeat this season(1982), we have grown to understand that next year we have to push ourselves harder than we ever have before," commented Cathy Bamburg, 400-meter runner, who came in third at the district meet.

Outstanding performances for the season came from Terry Jones, distance runner; Cathy Bamburg, 400-meter; Marcia Menyweather, 200-meter.

"They worked hard and had great pride in winning; they worked and pushed themselves to produce a winner which they proved by their record," commented Coach Karla Barham.

Mid-term graduation and half-day schedules contributed to the Rebels' loss of first place in district, according to Coach Jack Williams. Several students on the track team were lost due to working schedules, he commented.

MENTOR SPEAKS — Coach Carla Barham gives Terry Jones advice on her participation in the 800 and 1600-meter runs during the Rebel Relays.

OH, THE PAIN — Terry Jones comforts Cathy Bamburg after Cathy completes the 400-meter run at the Rebel Relays.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT — Allen Cox, Curtis Coleman, Melvin Jackson, and Kevin Calhoun practice handing the baton and timing as they warm-up for the 440-meter relay and the 880-meter relay.

GIRLS' TRACK — (front) Terry Jones, Marcia Menyweather, Susan Glass, Sarah Ross, Demitrius Calcote, (back) Coach Carla Barham, Lesley Underwood, Cathy Bamburg, Kim Davis, Penny Cash, Sharon Clay, Yolanda Bluford.

BOYS' TRACK — (front) Chuck Martindale, Kevin Calhoun, Nicky Waugh, David Johnson, John Shannon, Kent McKay, Mike Hendrix, Shane Foster, (back) Coach Jack Williams, Carl Robinson, Allen Cox, Melvin Jackson, Curtis Coleman, Scott Foust, Fred Bennett, Scott Cupit, Robert Shannon, Brad Bates, Bill Feazel(mgr.), Coach "Chief" Spears.

The year was highlighted by three school records being broken. Two hundred meter man Melvin Jackson shattered Lauran Ambrose's 21.8 district record with 21.3 and the school record of 21.5 held by Willie Woodard since 1973.

Ronald Gant continued his record breaking performances this year with 6.9 feet in the high jump slipping past the old record of 6.9 feet. Ronald jumped 48.2 feet in the triple jump competition crushing the old record of 46.8 feet.

Scoreboard

Girls' Track

Jonesboro-Hodge	WM	second
Ruston Invitational	WM	second
Carroll	WM	third
Rebel Relays	WM	first
Delhi	WM	third
District	WM	second

Scoreboard

Boys' Track

Twin City Relays-N.L.U.	2nd
Wossman Relays	3rd
Ouachita Relays	2nd
Bastrop Relays	3rd
Neville Relays	2nd
West Monroe Relays	3rd
Delhi Relays	4th
District	2nd

UP AND OVER- Allen Cox goes over the top of Springhill defenders, leaving scattered players in his path.

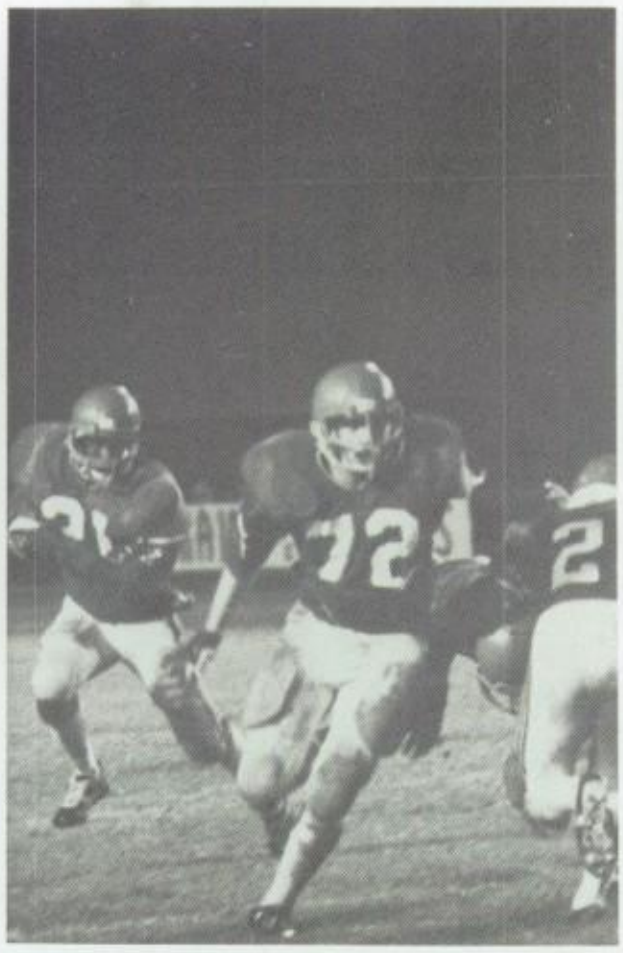
Rebs play three seasons, beginning and ending on

A Winning Note

A year it was, and what a year it was! The Rebels seemed to have three seasons all in one year. First, there was the perfect season. Chants of "West Monroe, three and O" filled a loose and excited high school for three weeks.

Eighth-ranked Captain Shreve became the first victim of the spirit-filled Rebels as the Gators fell, 20-19, in the season opener.

Woodlawn and Richwood each fell in the following two weeks to the Rebs, giving West Monroe a 5-game winning streak from 1981 into 1982. Woodlawn could not handle the powerful West Monroe offense as the Rebs tallied 40



LEADING THE WAY - Tackle Kenny Guillot leads the blocking for Allen Cox to break into the open. Cox had many more runs of the same type, compilling 1,120 yards for 1982.

GOOD COVERAGE - The Rebel offensive line converges on a group of defenders while protecting the quarterback.

points to Woodlawn's 27.

Richwood faired slightly better in holding West Monroe to 21 points but could must only 6 points for themselves.

A strong running game was definitely responsible for the success which West Monroe had been so desperately striving for in recent years. Most responsible for establishing this explosive running game was head Coach Andy Long.

"I have always been sold on a basic running game. And at this point in our season, ours is basically great," he commented.

The players chosen by Coach Long to spearhead this running attack were tailback Allen Cox and quarterback Jim Herbet. Cox proved a wise choice while escaping the Captain Shreve defense for 113 yards on 23 carries and a touchdown.

The State Fair Stadium was the site of West Monroe's next win. Cox ate up the Woodlawn Warriors with 267 yards on 24 carries, incluing a 92-yard touchdown run, his longest of 1982.

Coming home to face Richwood Rams, the Rebs launched another running attack leading to a third consecutive win. West Monroe running backs totaled 318 yards rushing. Cox, again proving himself, accounted for 177 yards of the total.

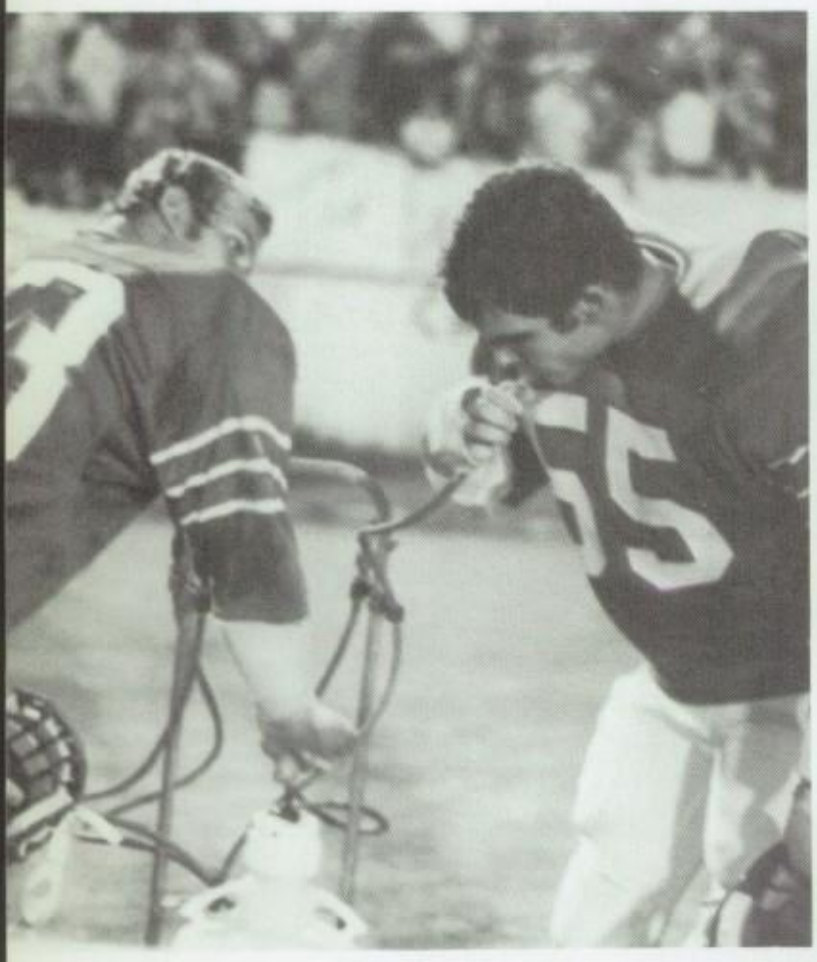
Not to be forgotten, the Rebel defense was an important facet of West Monroe's early success. A total of seven interceptions in the first two outings contributed heavily. Linebacker Tim Coody and Fred Bennett, both of whom later earned all-district honors, terrorized opposing offenses. Coody led the team in tackles during the season, while Bennett picked off two passes , returning one for a touchdown against Woodlawn.

A second phase of the season, which saw the Rebels faring not as well as the first phase, was marked by a long, out-of-town game and top-ranked competition.

THE BIG ONE Quarterback Jim Herbet hands the ball off to the big man, Tyrone Jacobs. Usually a fullback, Jacobs sometimes ran at tailback because of his good speed.

OPENING UP - The offensive linemen opened up countless holes for star running back Allen Cox. Mike Aldridge and Scott Coons burst through the Ouachita defense to help the Rebs to a victory.

SIDELINE BREAK - For Eric Diffey and Brian Creery, a watet break during a game provided a momentary respite.



A winning note

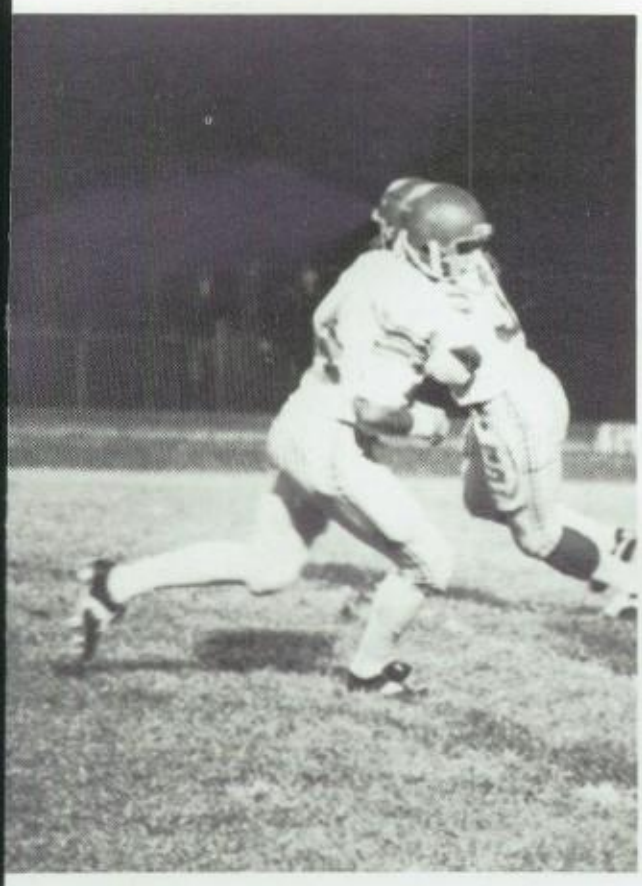
During this part of the season, Rebels lost to a team which would ultimatley play at the Superdome for the state quad-A championship. The fiesty Rebs, playing a homecoming game in slush and humidity, battled the fifth ranked 2-A Springhill Lumberjacks to a 0-0 tie. This loss followed a long trek to Morgan City where the Rebs lost by one, 20-19.

At Morgan City, stands filled with West Monroe fans to encourage the 40-member traveling squad to victory. Chartered buses carrying Luv Ya Rebs club members and Rebel Raiders were joined by individual caravans and church-sponsored vans.

The Rebs were unable to muster a consistent running or passing game agains the Morgan City Tigers. Cox did set this fourth 100-yard game, which made him the second leading rusher in the district.

Facing another set of Tigers the next week, the Rebs hosted cross-town rival Neville in a game played before a standing room only crowd. The number-two ranked Tigers obviously expected to run over the now unranked Rebs, as two quick scores on tremendous bursts by Tiger backs gave Neville an early edge.

West Monroe struck back, however, o a 50-yard bomb from Herbet to wide receiver Mike Latham, narrowing the



Intense and enthusiastic approach to football motivates the

New Coach On Staff

NEW MAN ON STAFF - Defensive secondary coach Bill Buckner shouts last minute instruction to his squad, in his first year as a Rebel coach.

"A great will to win and a great commitment to excellence" is a part of the philosophy of the most recent addition to the coaching staff.

As Coach Bill Buckner reviewed the '82 season and noted the good athletes at WMHS he commented, "We should be able to continually be in contention for the district title in football."

Looking toward the '83 season, he said that the new group of young men "will work extremely hard in order to improve their abilities."

Noting his attitude toward the game, Coach Buckner said, "I take a very intense and enthusiastaic approach to the game, and I expect our athletes to do the same."

In his philsophy, the University of Arkansas graduate explained four 'musts" for each player: to believe in yourself, to have a daily plan, to practice like the best team in America, and to make something happen.

"I believe that the players should attempt to do their best at all times and continually strive to get better."

VICTORY LEAP - Jason Pleasant leaps into the arms of linebacker LaVelle Dickens after the Rebels sewed up one of their five victories.

AGAINST THE GRAIN - Allen Cox cuts back against the grain after taking the handoff from quarterback Jim Herbet.

score to 13-7. One last touchdown and extra point by Neville put the game away in the fourth quarter.

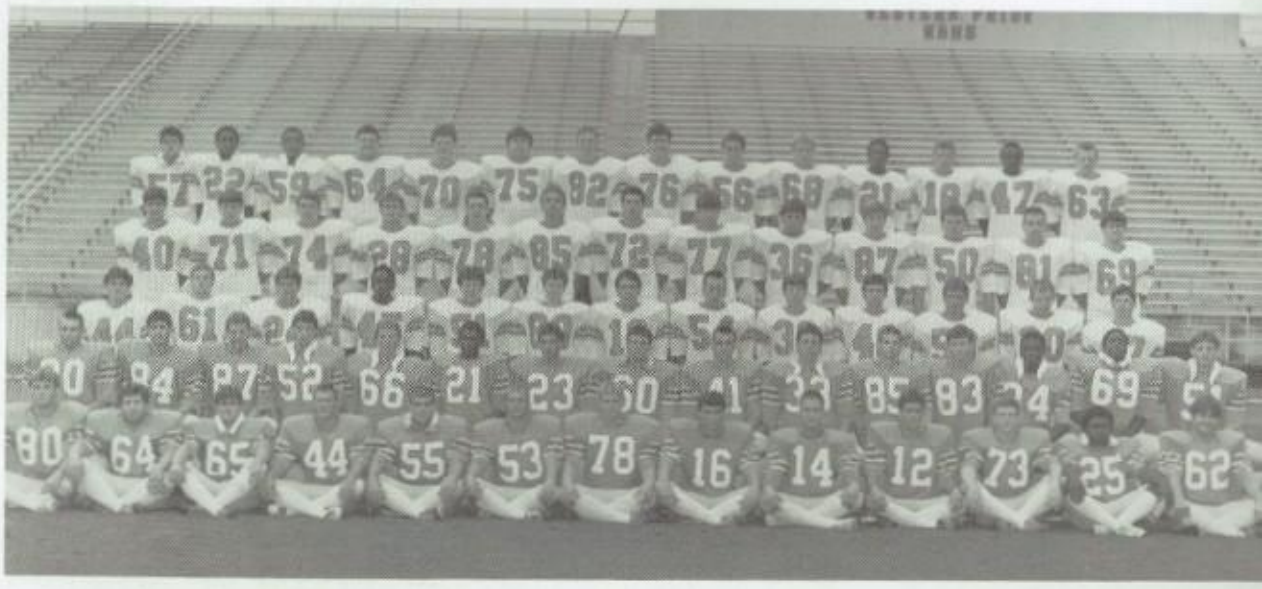
Another top-ranked team, this time form 3-AA, came to West Monroe looking for another win against no losses.

Homecoming for the second consecutive year was almost a disaster as the rain messed up the field not only for the athletes but also for the fourteen court members presented at halftime. The business on the field was sloppy, as the game had seven fumbles between both WM and Springhill. The end result was a 0-0 score.

The first game of the final phase almost seemed to pick up where the second phase left off. The first 56 minutes against cross-river opponent Ouachita Lions, were scoreless. However, using a fumble recovery by Coody on the Ouachita one, and a plunge by Cox, the Rebels took the lead to stay. Before the clock had run down, West Monroe once again put on a powerful rushing series and scored again, setting back the Lions 13-0.

For the second time in three weeks, West Monroe faced a team which had seen number one in the state ranking at one time or another. This time, the Rebs were up against the team which ultimately

VARSITY SQUAD - **(front row)** Chick Massey, Scott Coons, Tom McCandlish, Vaughn Landry, Brian Creery, Eric Diffey, Jim Douglas, Jason Pleasant, Jim Herbet, Dale Chelette, Keith O' Briant, Curtis Coleman, Mike Aldridge, **(second row)** Greg Morris, Scott Cupit, Mike Latham, Stacey Martin, Jerry Brasher, Allen Dale Cox, David Williams, Clark Cooper, Brad Bates, Tim Coody, Randy Brown, Mike Hendricks, Tyrone Jacobs, Garland Bowers, Fred Bennett, **(third row)** Keith Karr, Todd Tatum, Johnny Ford, Darryle Moss, Kevin Mobley, Mike Womack, Mark Sikes, John Ellis, Cleve Saxon, Kevin Calhoun, Jake Parks, Billy Nugent, Chuck Martindale, **(fourth row)** Robert Bordelon, Todd Cummings, Sean Rogers, Robert Long, Byron Loga Robert Emory, Kenny Guillot, David Wood, Mike Murray, George Bohannon, Phil Middleton, Gary Aldrige, Bob Mitchell **(back row)** Terry Bostick, Reggie Davis, Lavell Dickens, Jamie Bass, Joey Pleasant, William Winn, Keith Wilbanks, Howard Thompson, Stanley McCandlish, Gary Yarbrough, Paul Littleberry, Scott Foust, Darnell Woods, and Stephan Jennings.



PRACTICE RUN - During pre-game warm-ups, Kevin Calhoun returns the ball following a punt.

STRATEGY - Coach Andy Long gathers his offense on the sideline to discuss mid-game changes.

A winning note

ended up with the state crown. The Ruston Bearcats came to town and outmanned a tired Rebel squad, 34-0.

Heavy fog filled the air as West Monroe went head-to-head with the playoff-bound Carroll Bulldogs. Fired up and ready, the Bulldogs jumped out to a quick lead with two very quick scores. Trying to play catch-up football proved too hard for the Rebs as Carroll held on to a 14-7 victory.

Ending on a winning note is an understatement concerning the '81 -'82 season. Rebs not only beat the Bastrop Rams 20-0, but also the last score was as dramatic as any score of the season.

Right guard Mike Aldridge took the ball from a fake fumble and completed the "guard around" for 13 yards and a touchdown.

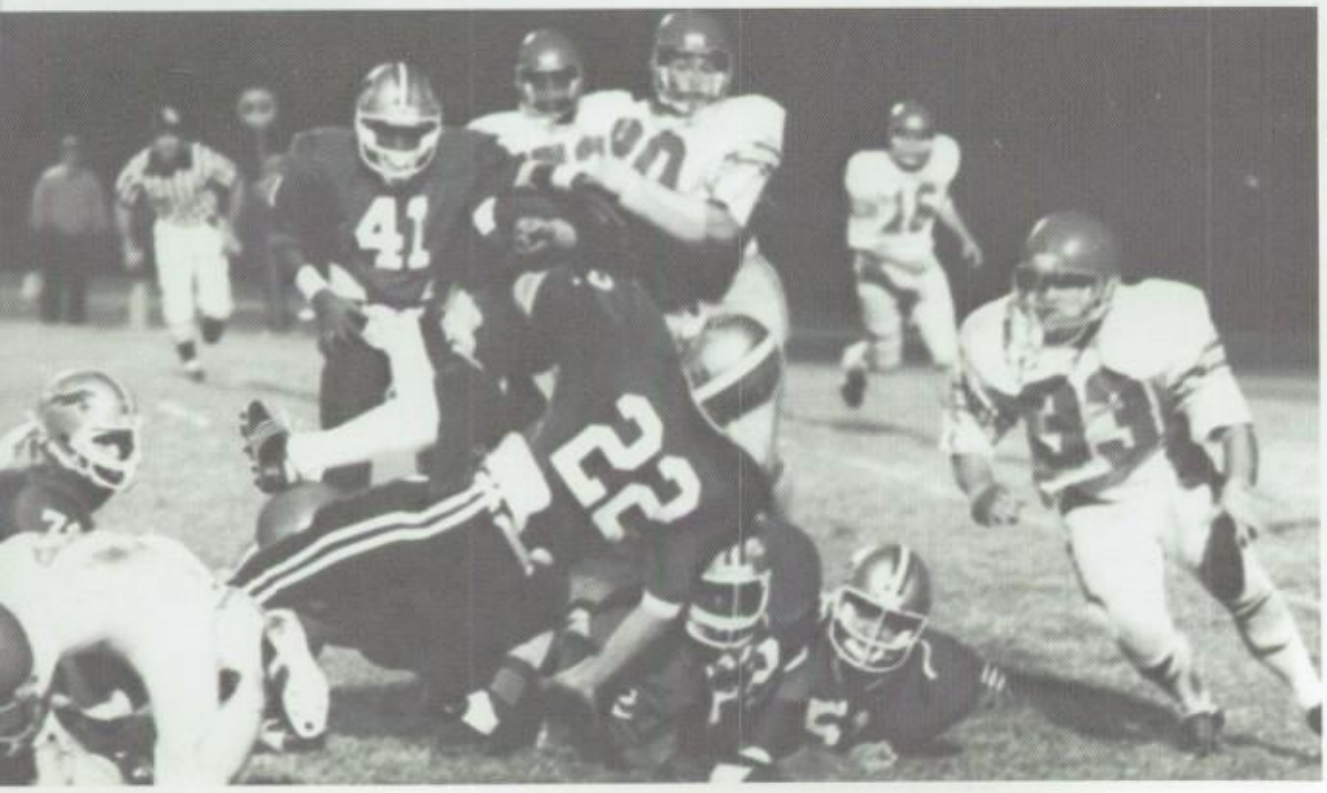
"I had been buggin' Coach Long all season about running the guard around. And he finally decided to use it that week," explained Aldridge.

The guard around ended the scoring and the Bastrop game ended the season as Coach Long bettered his two-year career record at WMHS as head coach to 9-10-1.

THE FLIP Captains Jim Herbet and Fred Bennett eye the opposing players as they get ready for the pre-game toss.

Varsity

Opp.		W.M.
Capt. Shreve	19	20
Woodlawn	27	40
Richood	6	21
Morgan City	20	18
Neville	21	7
Springhill	0	0
Ouachita	0	13
Ruston	34	0
Carroll	14	7
Bastrop	0	20



HOLD ' EM BACK - A stout Rebel defense holds a Ouachita running back for few yards in a district game. Linebacker Tim Coody (33) led the Rebels with 98 tackles during the season.

BASKETBALL '83

Non-district record shows promise for district play

By compiling a record of 17-3 in non-district constest, Coach Sidney Smith's varsity Rebels were looking forward to an exciting year in district play.

After smashing Caldwell in their season opener 97-60, the Rebels traveled to Shreveport to compete in the Parkway tournament. North Caddo proved to be no problem as they were downed 71-61 in the tournaments first round. In the second round however, the Rebels were eliminated by Haughton in a close contest 64-67.

Not to be discouraged, the Rebels reeled off five straight victories before entering the Southwood Tournament in December. The first game was a barn-burner as Parkway upset the Rebles 57-58. In the three remaining games, the Rebs came roaring back, with convincing wins over Northwood, 67-56; Airline, 58-55; and Marshall, Tex., 53-47.

Victories over Huntington and Bossier rounded out another five-game winning streek.

The News-Star — World tournament proved to be a disappointment to the Rebels as they suffered their worst defeat of the entire year, a 50-81 thrashing by the Richwood Rams.

Returning to their better form, the Rebs defeated four straight teams, including Southwood, a team, Coach Smith considered the best in Shreveport and an important stepping stone into a district play.

Booker T. Washington, the first team played in the Bossier tournament, also fell to the Rebel's power play. In the non-district contest, however, the Rebels were upset by Haughton 67-78.

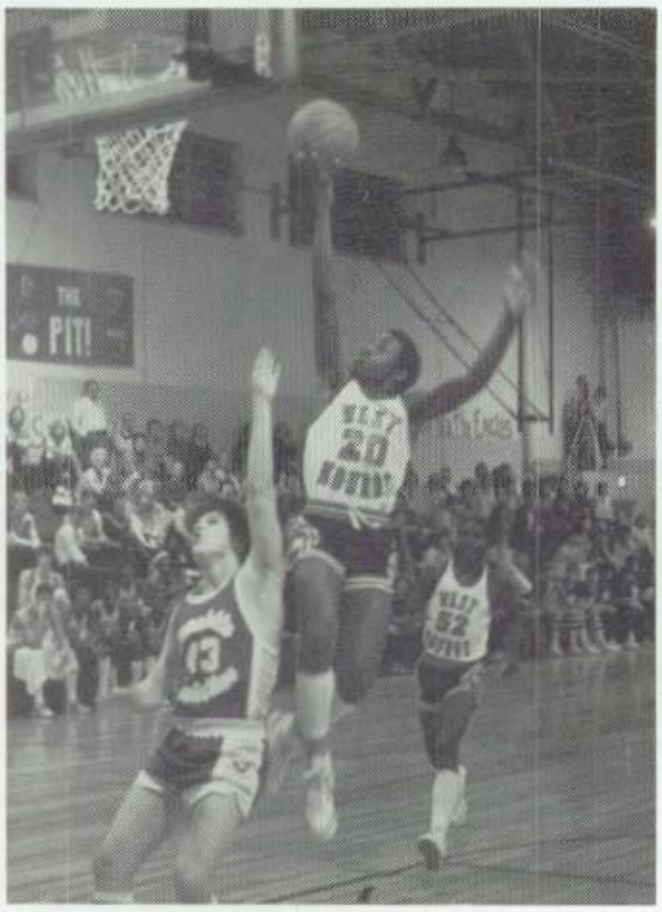
The nitty-gritty of basketball season, district competition, began in closely played, hotly contested match between West Monoroe and Bastrop, with the Rams coming out on top 49-47. However, the Ouachita Lions didn't prove to be such worthy adversaries as they fell to the Rebs 62-45.

Varsity Basketball

	OPP.	WMHS
Caldwell	60	97
N. Caddo	61	71
Haughton	67	64
Huntington	52	84
Caldwell	53	59
Jonesboro	62	64
Ouachita Christ.	38	55
Grant	57	79
Parkway	58	57
Northwood	56	67
Airline	55	58
Marshall	47	53
Huntington	50	54
Bossier	61	78
Richwood	81	50
Airline	62	72
Delta	55	67
Southwood	52	55
BTW	69	70
Haughton	78	67
Bastrop	49	47
Ouachita	45	62
Carroll	64	52
Neville	67	56
Ruston	57	61
Bastrop	51	55
Carroll	46	59
Ouachita	38	41
Neville	48	44
Ruston	48	75
Carroll	58	55

SLAM DUNK - After a mid-court steal, Terry Manning electrifies the home crowd with this dunk in a game against Ouachita Christian.

PASSING THE BALL - Richard Taylor (24) dumps the ball off to a Rebel teammate as he plays a major role in assisting teammates with his passing.



WHAT TO DO - A Ouachita Christian defender looks on in helplessness as Gary Manning (34) prepares to make his move.

TWO POINTS - Freeman Williams (20) goes high above a OCHS opponent for two points in a non-district game in early November.

BASKETBALL '83

. . . for district play

In the next district match-up, the Rebs went after the defending state champion Carroll Bulldogs, but came up empty-handed as the Bulldogs posted a 69-52 victory.

The cross-town rivals and the district quad A champion Neville Tigers took on the Rebels next, setting them on their heels, 67-56.

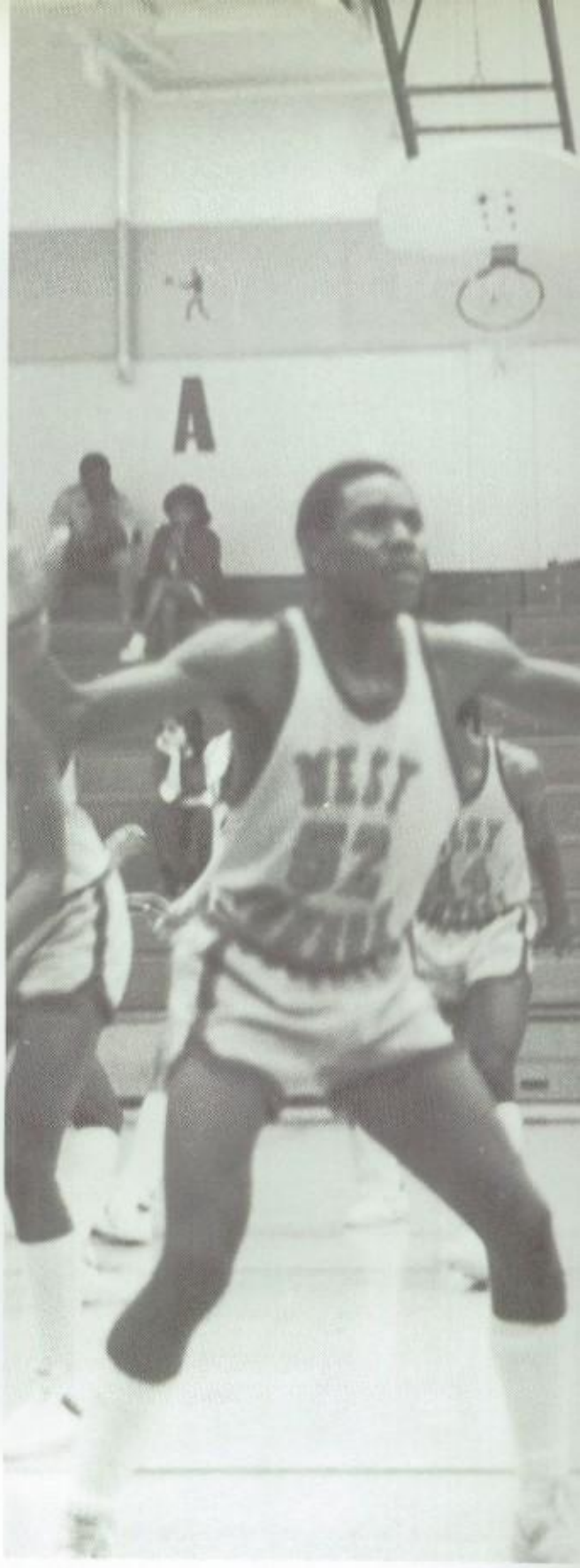
After losing three of their last four district games, the Rebels came fighting back with four straight victories. They defeated Ruston 55-51, gained revenge over Bastrop 61-57, blew the ex-champs off the court 59-46, and squeezed one out over Ouachita 41-38.

After the victory over Ouachita, the Rebs were in a two-way tie for district runner-up, but the following loss to Neville placed the Rebs in a three-way tie with Carroll and Bastrop. A convincing victory over Ruston 75-58 in the next district contest vaulted the Rebs back into a two-way ties with Carroll.

Despite some adverse publicity toward the student body of West Monroe, Coach Smith noted that he really appreciated the encouragement and support given to the team by the student body.

At a neutral site, the Rebs faced the Carroll Bulldogs to determine the district runner-up, with West Monroe falling 55-58.

The leading rebounder of the year for the Rebels was Bruce Johnson with 8. Leading the way in scoring was Terry Manning, with a 14-point average followed by Gary Manning with an average of 10.7 points per game.



KEEP AWAY -Heavily guarded by Grant players, Glen Lewis (32) looks for an opening to pass to Mike Smith.

DEFENSE, DEFENSE- Bruce Johnson (52) defends his man during the Southwood tournament.

REACHING HIGH- Scoring on a lay-up, Chris Gholston ends a successful fast break against Ouachita Christian.

OUT OF REACH- Terry Manning dumps the pass over the head of two OCHS cagers in a non-district contest.

SHOOT FOR TWO- Tracy Edwards follows up his offensive rebound with a short bank shot.

SKY HIGH- Richard Taylor sends up a bomb downtown for two points as teammates converge around the goal.

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Inexperienced Lady Rebs build for future seasons

"Inexperience, there's not a senior on the team," said Cindy Gist, the Lady Rebels' leading scorer and rebounder, about the many problems which plagued the team.

The young Lady Rebs fell short of many pre- season goals, compiling a record of 4-14.

"They did accomplish some goals, but we have a lot to learn about how to be a winner," remarked Coach Karla Barham on the team's accomplishments this year.

As for next year, Coach Barham said, "They were good, and I know the girls will contribute as a team what it takes to be a winner."

Coach Barham will be working with practically the same squad next year, a positive factor overshadowed by the lack of leadership this year. "It helped because we will all be back together next year, but it hurt because we did not have the leadership we needed this year," commented the coach.

Besides being together again next season, the Lady Rebs gained valuable experience during this season's campaign which should prove to be an advantage.

"They will have worked together two years now, so there is no reason why we can't work together and have a great year next year," explained the Rebel coach.

In addition to togetherness and experience, Coach Barham will be taking a failsafe coaching philosophy into next season. "My overall philosophy is to be the best player possible according to each person's abilities. If my players would learn to give more than just enough, then they will be successful on the floor as well as in life; sacrifice is the name of the game," she explained.

Over the course of the season, the Lady Rebels made many adjustment on offense and defense to get the most from the players at hand.

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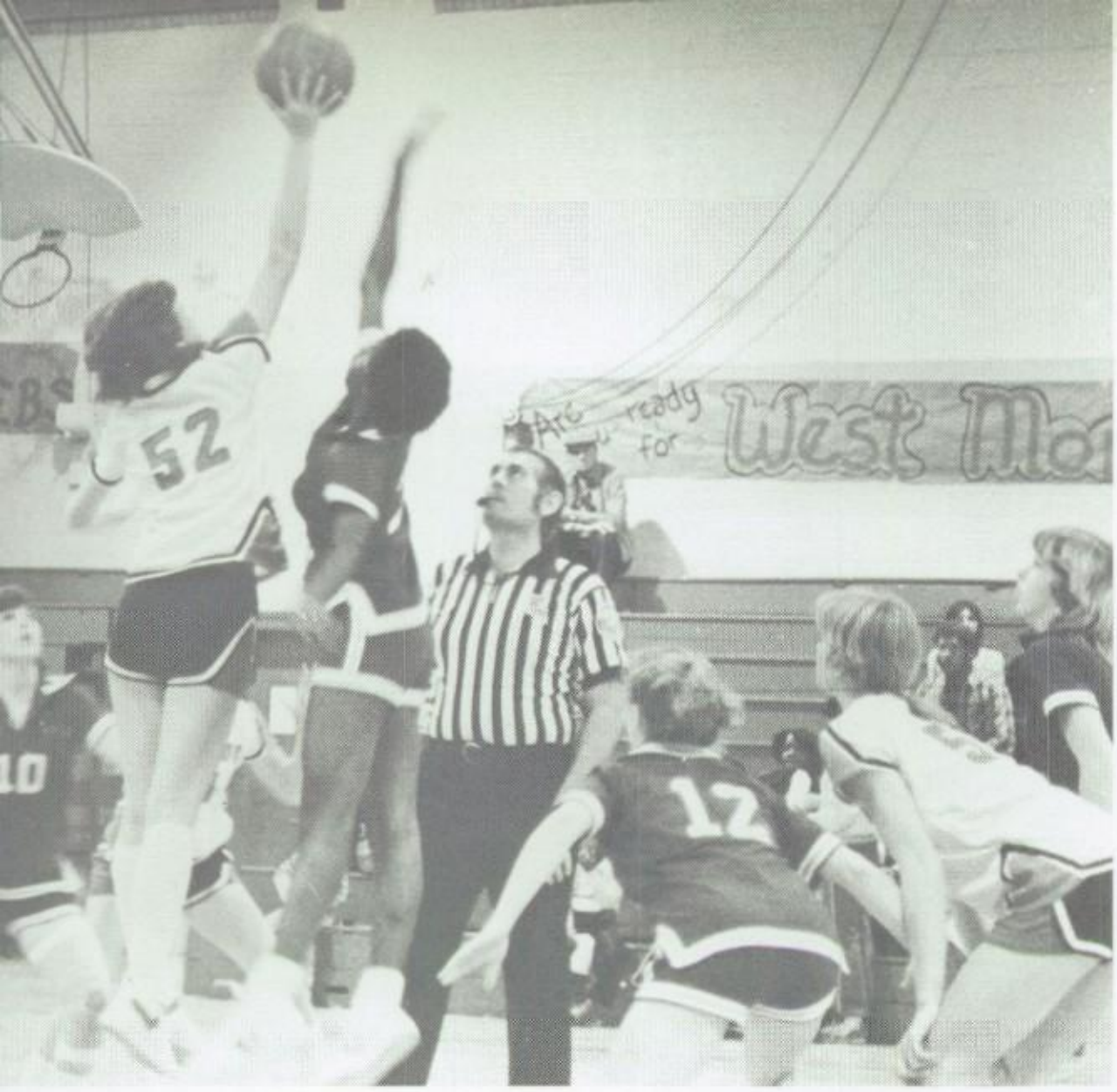
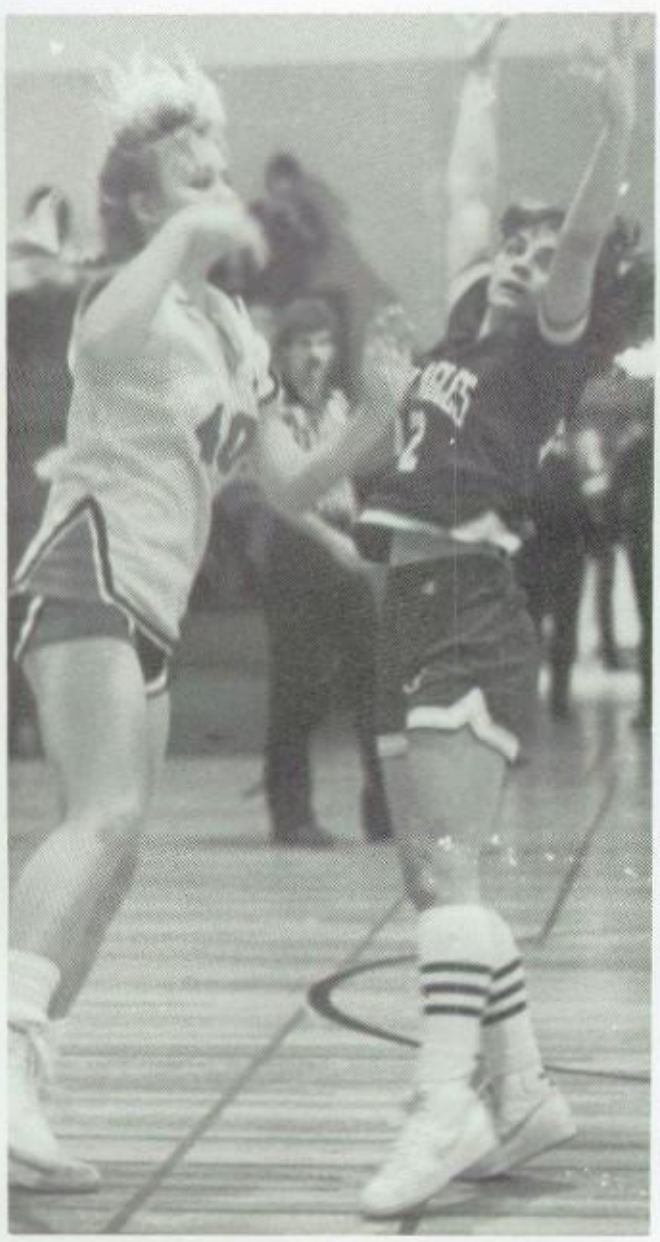
HEATING UP- During a heated moment, Stephanie Hibbard, sophomore, Junior Varsity, passes the ball to her Lady Rebel comrades.

LEADING SCORER- Shooting a lay-up for the Lady Rebels is junior guard Cindy Gist, Varsity, who was the leading scorer for the OCS game.



PASSING- With the advantage of having extra height, Cathy Pippens, Sophomore, Junior Varsity and Varsity, tips the ball to a fellow player.



RUSHING GUARD- Ouachita Christian player tries to retrieve the ball from Lady Reb Shannon Smith, Junior Varsity and Varsity, as Brenda Rutledge, Varsity junior, rushes to guard the petite sophomore.

SAVING THE GAME- Manuevering past an opponent to help save the game for the Rebs is the job of sophomore Amy Naff, Junior Varsity and Varsity.

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. . . for future seasons

And according to Coach Barham, these changes were to the teams' advantage. "These changes showed me what combinations will work for us now and in the future. Also, they helped us get ready earlier for next season. Now we know what we can do and when."

The Lady Rebels first victory came at the expense of Huntington, 45-44. Cindy Gist led the Rebel attack by pouring in 22 points. Cathy Pippins follower with 11.

The Rebels led each quarter until a third-quarter surge by Huntington gave them a 4-point lead. In the final frame, however, Huntington was outscored 15-10, giving the Lady Rebs the one-point win.

Ouachita Christian was the next to fall to the Lady Rebs as they trounced O.C. 38-13.

"I didn't know much about them. After we began the game, however, I knew they were weak. I let everyone get some experience," remarked Coach Barham about that game.

Gist contributed 12 points and 5 rebounds, while Dianne Boatner added 9 points with 5 rebounds.

Leading by 12 points at the end of the first quarter, the Rebs allowed their opponents only 2 points in the first quarter, 6 in the second, 2 in the third, and 3 in the fourth.

Next the Lady Rebs took on the Wossman Wildcats, a game that Coach Barham felt was the best. "We played that game to the very best of our ability. We wanted to win it, and that was the difference. We also played as a team," said the coach.

Wanting to win was the difference as the Lady Rebs took a 2-point victory, 50-48.

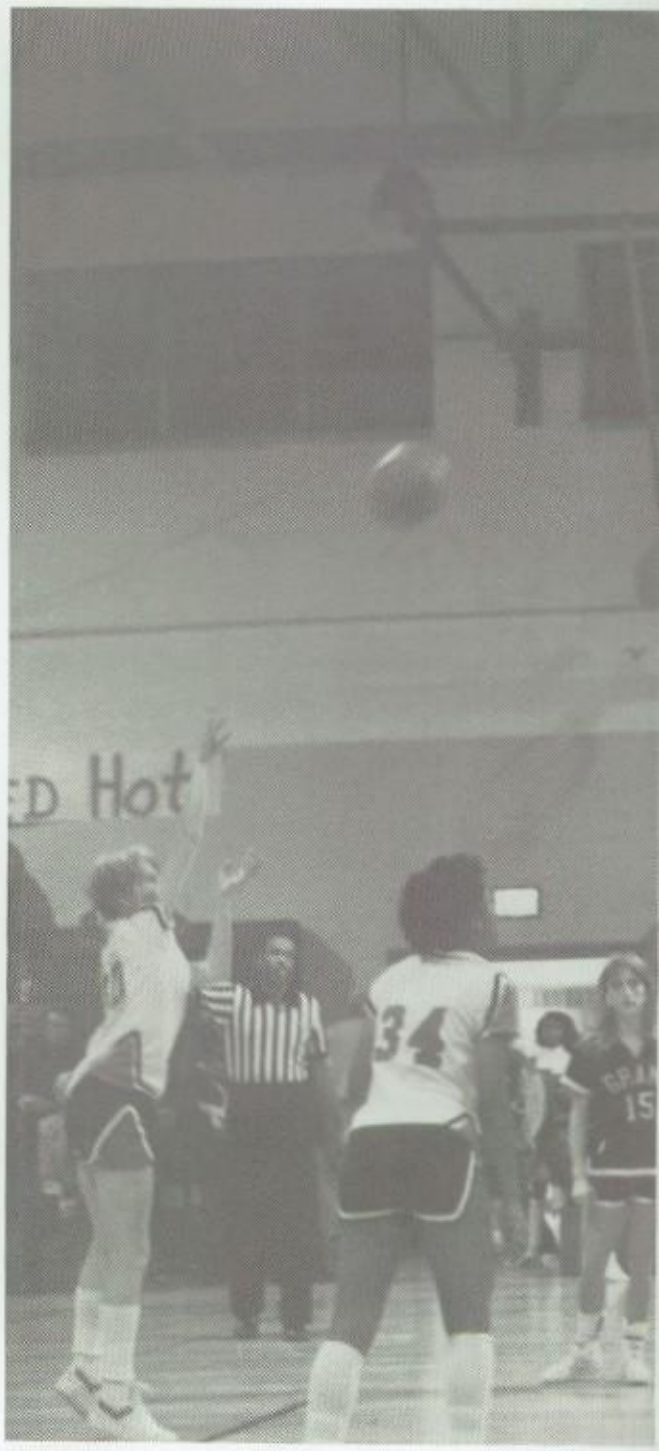
The Wossman game proved to be the most important for the team as Coach Barham explained, "The Wossman game was probably the most important because it showed us that we could beat anyone we set our mind to beating if we played and worked as a team."

Again Gist led all socrers with 21 points and amassed 31 rebounds. She was followed by Pippens who had 12 points.

On the year Gist led in points and rebounds, averaging 11 points and 9 rebounds per game. Billie Hargrove was next with 7 points per game and 6 rebounds per game.

— by Mike Aldridge

FREE THROW — The Lady Rebs wait for Cindy Gist to complete a free throw during the Grant game played at the WMHS gym.



BALL CONTROL — When a Lady Rebel and a Lady Eagle jumped for control of the ball, teammates were poised for the outcome.

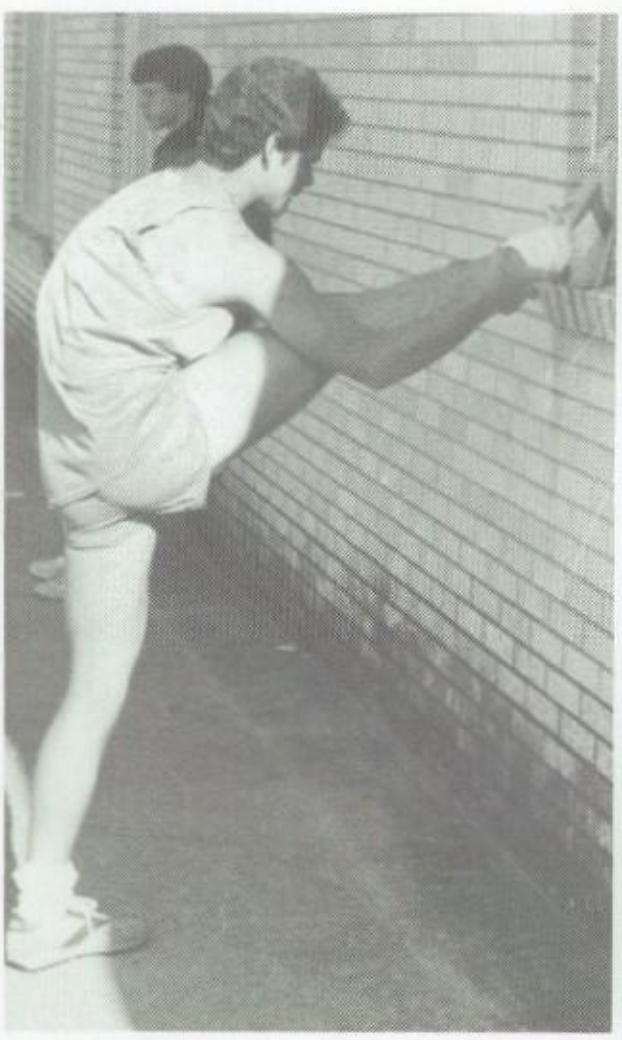
WAITING — Attempting to dribble the ball to a waiting Cindy Gist, Shannon Smith, sophomore, tries to sidestep an opponent.

	OPP.	WMHS
Ouachita	17	15
Bastrop	15	15
Caldwell	61	34
Tioga	44	43
Huntington	44	45
Caldwell	49	29
Jonesboro	38	32
Ouachita-Christian	38	38
Grant	48	42
Huntington	38	34
Wossman	48	50
Carroll	60	25
Caldwell	72	40
Wossman	Forfeit	Won
Bastrop	37	29
Ouachita	36	32
Carroll	54	31
Neville	52	34
Ruston	51	35
Bastrop	45	37
Ouachita	33	22
Carroll	62	36
Neville	45	21
Ruston	44	37

REBOUNDING — Grappling for the rebound is Billie Hargrove, junior, a vital part of the Lady Rebs team, as she plays forward on the varsity squad.

CAREFUL ANALYSIS — Preparing to deliver a free throw, Valencia Smith, senior and two-year member of the team, sizes up her goal.

ONE OF THE TOP - Chet Chiles gives the race all that he's got, a quality that earned him second place in the district.



PRECAUTIONS - To avoid possible muscle cramps or pulls, Jeff Hislop stretches out before the third meet at WMHS.

BREAKING AWAY - Several WMHS runners including Troy Roberts, Chet Chiles, Craig Spivey, and Nicky Waugh break out in front of Ruston harriers and earn the district crown for WMHS.

Cross Country team returns crown

To WMHS

by Scott Foust

Repeating their 1981-82 season, the Cross Country team returned the district crown to WMHS, earning second, third, fourth, and seventh places to beat Ruston.

Senior runner Chet Chiles finished second, as senior Nicky Waugh finished in third position. Sophomore-stand-out Troy Roberts earned the fourth place spot, and senior Jeff Hislop placed seventh.

The number one runner on the WMHS team was Robert Shannon, who won first in every meet held but was unable to compete in the district meet.

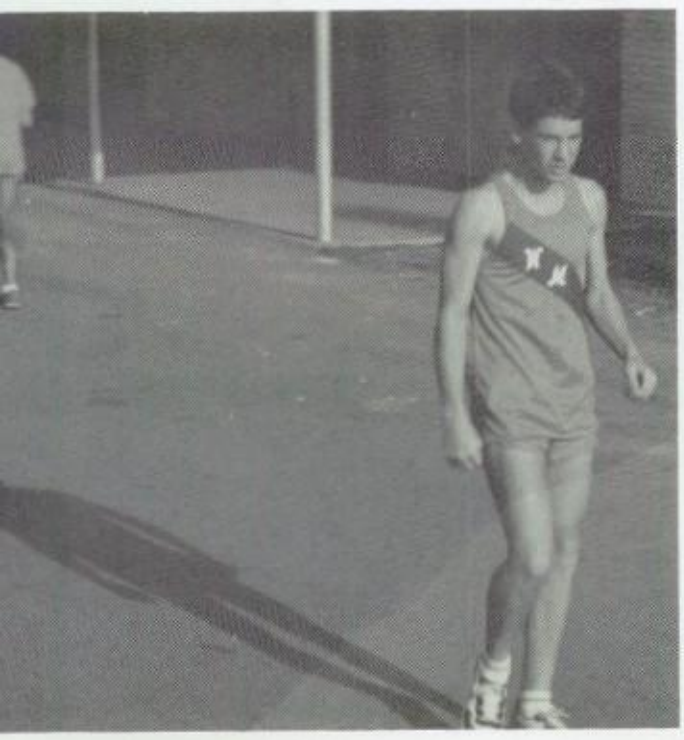
Other runners in the district competition were Craig Spivey, Todd Rogers, Paul Ziezel, Sam Bourland, and Rodney Farr.

The Cross Country team consists of 25 runners. Each week before the meet, time trials were held to select the top eight runners to represent WMHS.

"One of the hardest practices has to be running and repeating quarters," commented one junior harrier.

Instead of the normal two to two and a half miles, the district course was three miles long. Two of the better times turned in during the year on the regular courses were 12:39 by Shannon and 12:57 by Chiles.

According to Coach Jack Williams, this year's team was a young team and he planned for it "to get even better in the years to follow."



GOOD PROP - With the aid of a pickup truck, Glen Modicue stretches his calf muscles before participating in a cross country meet.

READY, SET GO - Runners under the watchful eye of Coach Jack Williams await the signal to begin a cross country meet that originated at the field house.

LONG DAY - His tall shadow indicates the late afternoons for the cross country team, as team member Craig Spivey walks around to catch his breath following a walk around the course.

ALMOST THERE - Troy Roberts begins to take it easy as he completes the course and approaches the finish line at the field house in the third cross country meet.

To insure a healthy varisty program

Jay Vees Are A Must

by Gary Aldridge
Bubba Frantom
Robert Emory

Ask any high school or college coach how essential a junior varsity team is and they'll say the same thing — a Jay Vee team is a must to insure a healthy varsity program in the following years. And so it goes for West Monroe High School.

The school year leads off with JV football, which has been at WMHS since the school opened in 1953.

Requirements to play on the JV team are earning a 2.0 grade point average, being in the 10th grade, and having a willingness to play the game.

" The only major problem a JV player has is adapting to his new surroundings. But the support of the parents and the Luv Ya Rebs Club really makes a difference, "said Dan McClure, JV football coach.

Next in the JV program is the boys' and girls' basketball. According to Coach Phil Kieffenheim, the boys' coach, "The intensity in a JV ballgame is just as great as in any varsity game, because as long as there are two teams completing, there will be a desire to win."

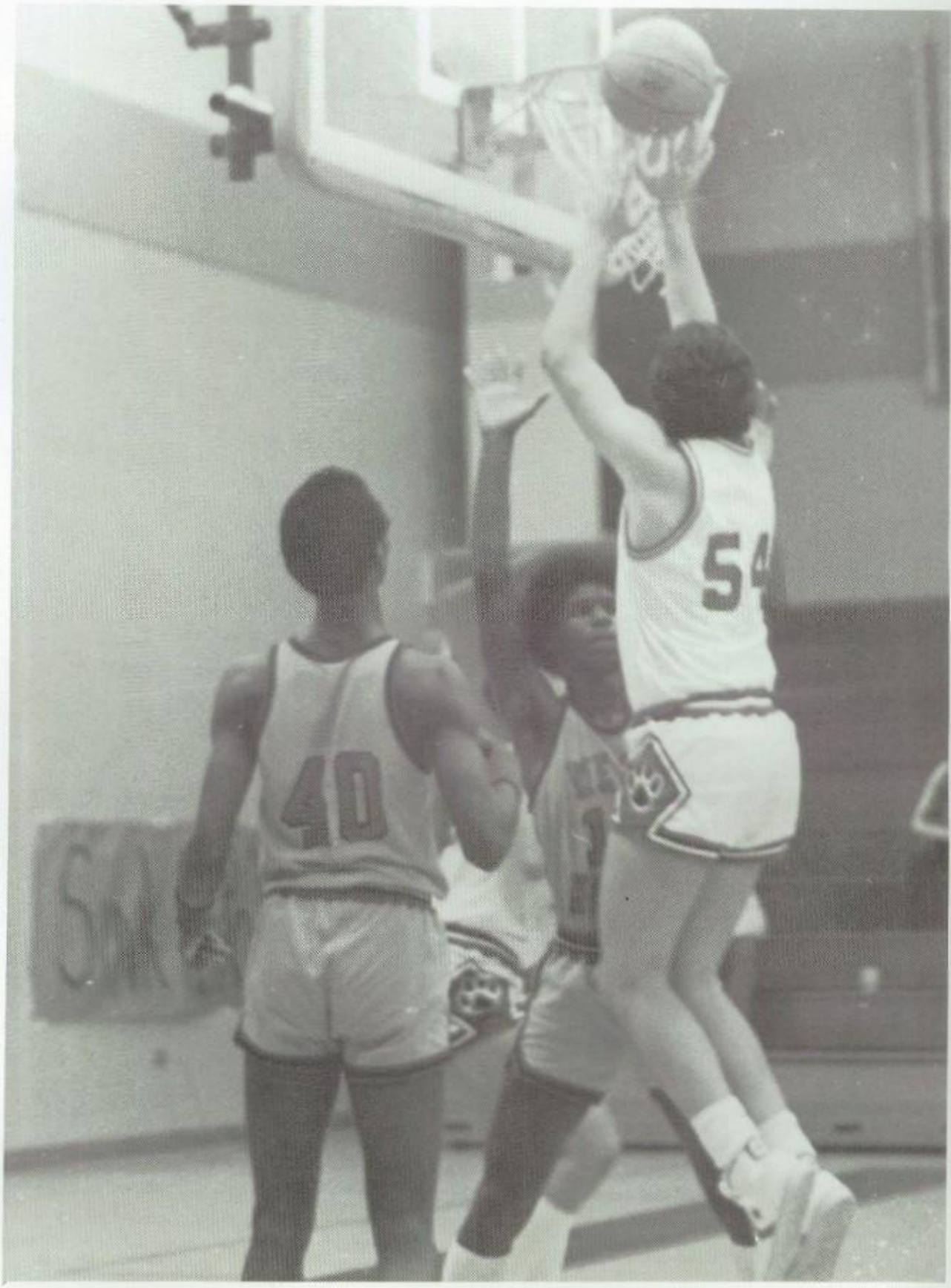
The JV basketball teams play an important role in the success of the varsity by giving the varsity team a quality squad for scrimmage games.

Miss Karla Barham, coach of the Lady Rebels, said, "I like the (JV) program because it gives inexperienced girls a chance to play and lets me get better acquainted with the players."

To end the year in sports are the JV baseball team and softball team, which give many boys and girls the opportunity to get experience in AAAA action.

Becuase of the large number of people trying out for both teams, a JV team is really needed.

"This will be the first year there will be JV softball team," said Mr. Truett Thorn, the Lady Rebels' softball coach. "I have 30 girls out for softball this year, and having a JV team will give the sophomores varsity experience."



REBOUNDING - Darion (Tang) Branson, one of the Rebs' leading rebounders, attempts to block a shot in the Parkview tournament.

NOT THIS WAY - Gary Manning attempts to prevent a throw from an opponent and shows some of the tenacious defense that won many games for the Rebel JV's.

GO FOR IT - Charles Shorts breaks away from Ouachtia defenders on the way for a huge gain in a JV district contest.

RUN THROUGH - Running down the field, Michael Jenkins tries to evade two Ouachita defenders.

BRING 'EM DOWN - Glen Lewis (33) comes in to assist as teammates try to bring down the ball.

SHOOTING OUTSIDE - Paul O'Briant follows through with his shot from the outside during an away game for the Jay Vee squad.

JUNIOR VARSITY SQUAD - **(front row)** Butch Dicks (manager), Bubba Putnam, David Pinegar, Brian George, Pat Van Zile, Robert Barlow, Paul Henderson, Toby Berry, **(second row)** Larry Mock, John Briley, Todd Gray, James Terry, Don Bansk, Kenny Rogers, Johnny Baxter, Joey Nicosia, Jim Worthy, Scott Wolleson, Bubba Roark, Kirt Lovett, **(third row)** Chris Brasher, Troy Littleton, Glen Rountree, Chris Bennett, Steve Smith, Kenny Covington, Larry Clark, Warren Perkins, Lee King, Kenny Gann, Jay Brooks, Shawn Snyder, Eric Snipes **(fourth row)** Chris Johnson, Billy Ray Reynolds, Michael Jenkins, Charles Schultz, Warren Benson, Scott Swanner, Fred Tyson, Shane Craighead, Reggie Myles, Doyle Boyd, Randy McNeal, Larry Coston, Steve Kent **(back row)** Malcolm Brownell, Steve Crawford, Mike Teague, Jarrett Futch, Ronnie McElroy, Craig Morgan, Gary Truett, John Perkins, Joe Drost, Don Ross, Slade Dykes, and Kevin Garrison.

For one senior, holiday gives a

Hunter's Dream

For Gary Thomas, his first deer was a hunter's deam.

During the Thanksgiving holidays, Gary and his dad were hunting in Jackson Parish. About 10 minutes before dark, Gary was about to give up the idea of getting a deer .

However, Gary suddenly spotted one, and fired a single shot ...and missed, because according to other hunters, he had a case of "buck fever." His second shot, form about 140 yards away, downed the 8-point and Gary had bagged his first deer.

HIS FIRST- In Jackosn Parish during the Thanksgiving break, senior Gary Thomas shot his first deer, and 8-point. (Photo courtesy of Stephan Savoia, News-Star World)

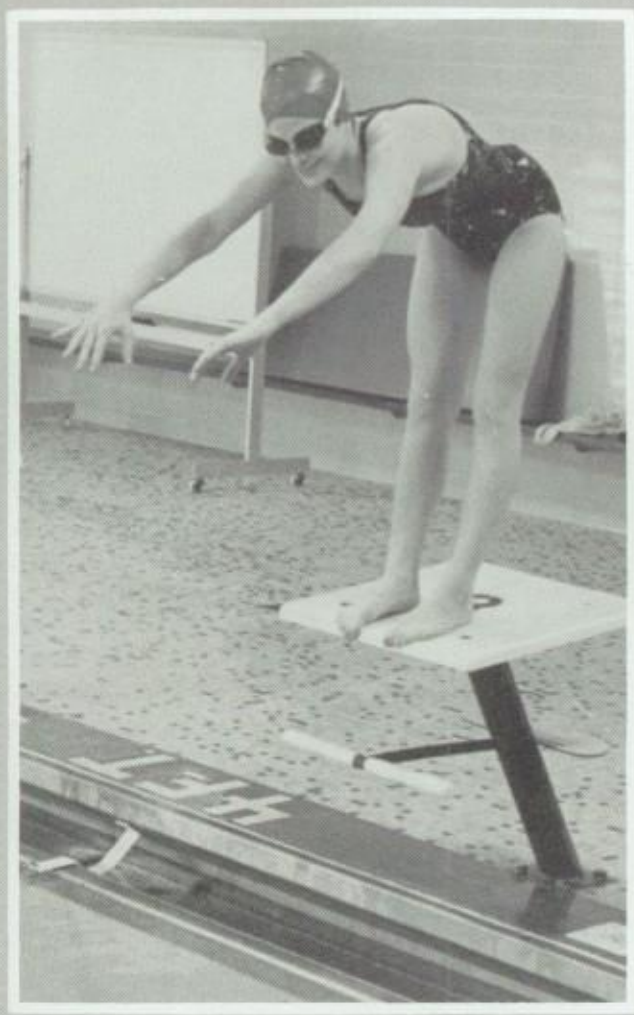
Body-building

With the ambition of being a professional football players, one sophomore has been actively increasing his physical conditioning through body building and power lifting.

Paul Henderson, who began working with weights when he was six, currently works out after school three days a week, works out at a local health club four times a week, and assists with the weight-lifting program at the West Monroe Boy's Club four days a week.

Saying that the boys with whom he works at the club have a tendency to "max out too much", Paul tries to encourage them to work on improving their legs as well as their chest and arms, instead of neglecting their legs.

Through the body building efforts, Paul can increase his strength and as well as his weight limits. Currently he is a member of the WMHS Power Lifting Team, competing in the 181-pound category, where he does bench press, squat, and dead lift.



ROUTINE - After recovering from a shoulder injury, Lisa Oxford works to resume her routine of swimming almost three miles daily as a member of the NLU swim team

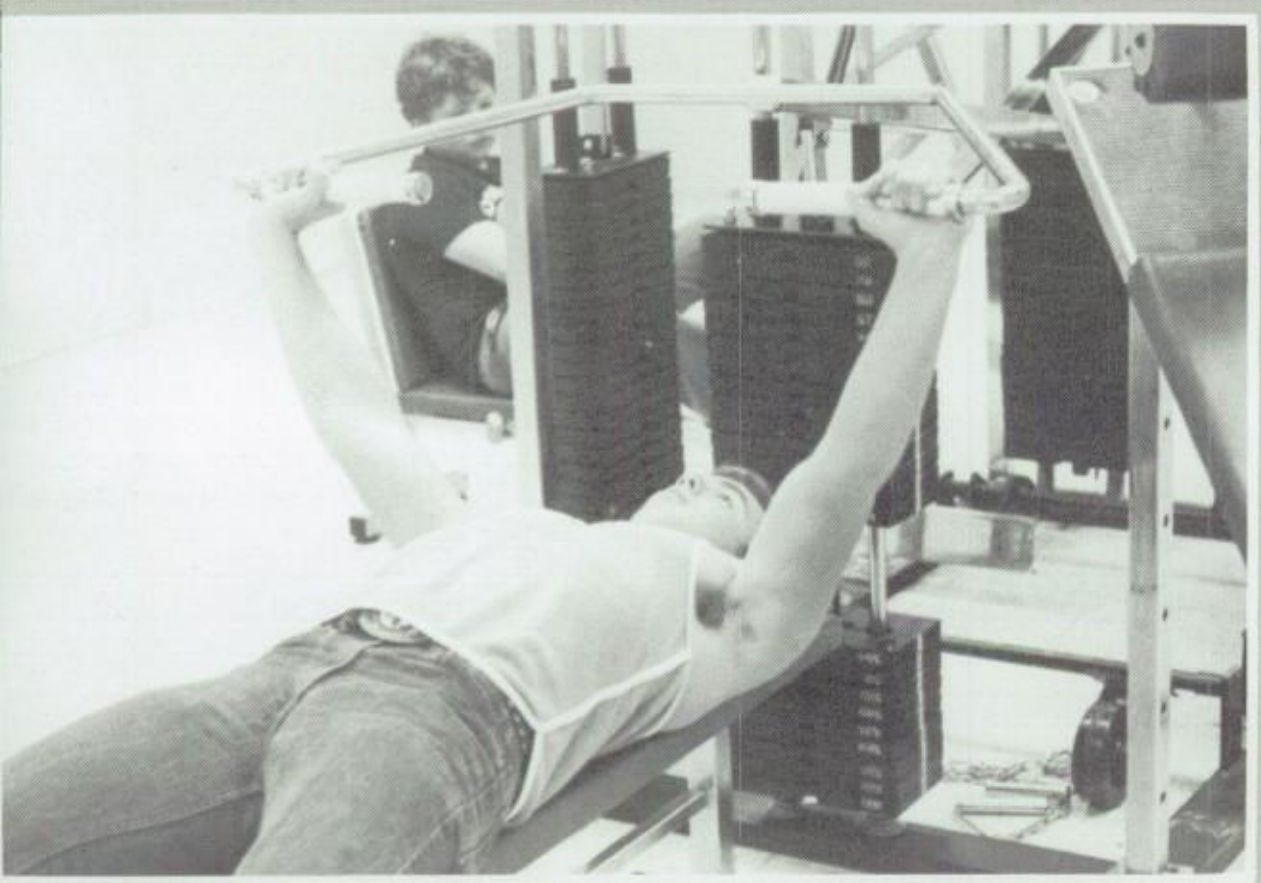
Self Disciplined

"It is a very self-disciplined sport and takes a lot of dedication," commented Lisa Oxford about her favorite sport, swimming.

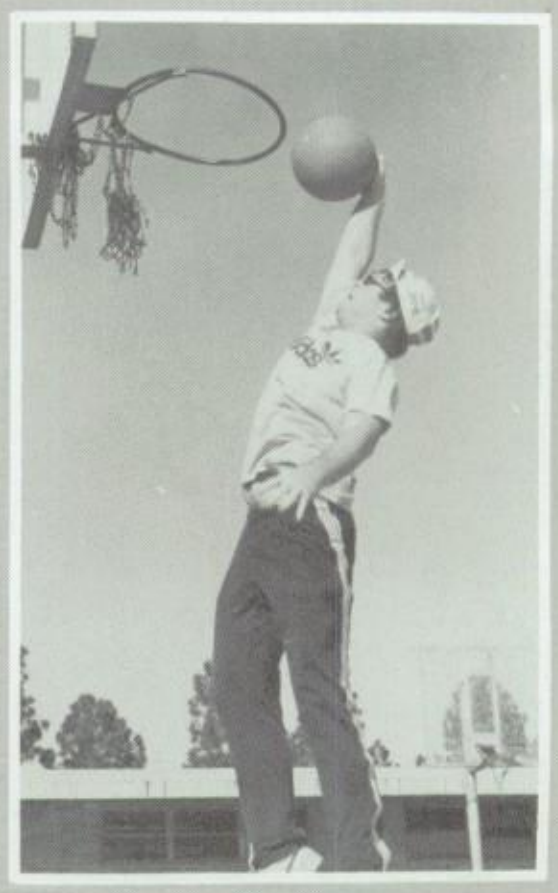
Lisa, who is member of the NLU swim team, became interested in swimming when she was nine.

Two hours a day, from five to seven, Lisa swims 5,000 yards in the olympic-sized pool at the natatorium at NLU.

She has won third and fourth place in the Louisiana High School State meet in 500 and 200 freestyles and placed in the top 10 in all events at the Louisiana State championship.



MAXING OUT - As a part of his weight program, Paul Henderson bench presses to build up his chest muscles during a work-out at the West Monroe Boy's Club.



GOOD TRY - On his own time, Tom Mulhearn, a member of First Baptist Church basketball team, goes for a layup on the court at Highland School.

Recreational Fun

Recreational basketball in church sponsored leagues draws many students not involved in the varsity program at school.

Rules and regulations, such as each player wearing identical jerseys, isn't stressed as much in the church games, according to several of the players. However, the use of profane language by a player usually results in his being thrown out of the game.

Practice is primarily done by the individual in his own time, although some churches do have designated practice times. Some churches also require Sunday attendance to be eligible to play in that week's games.

"We don't worry as much about winning as we would if we playing for school," commented Jay Mitchell, a player for First Baptist of West Monroe.

"When we play a team like First Baptist, Ridge Avenue, Mt. Vernon, or Edgewood, we play friends, so what if we lose," explained Scott Cupit of the Highland Baptist team. "Now when we play Parkview, Lakeshore, or a team in Monroe, we want to beat them."

CLUBS

Involvement in school activities is as important in students' lives now as it was in 1953 when WMHS opened.

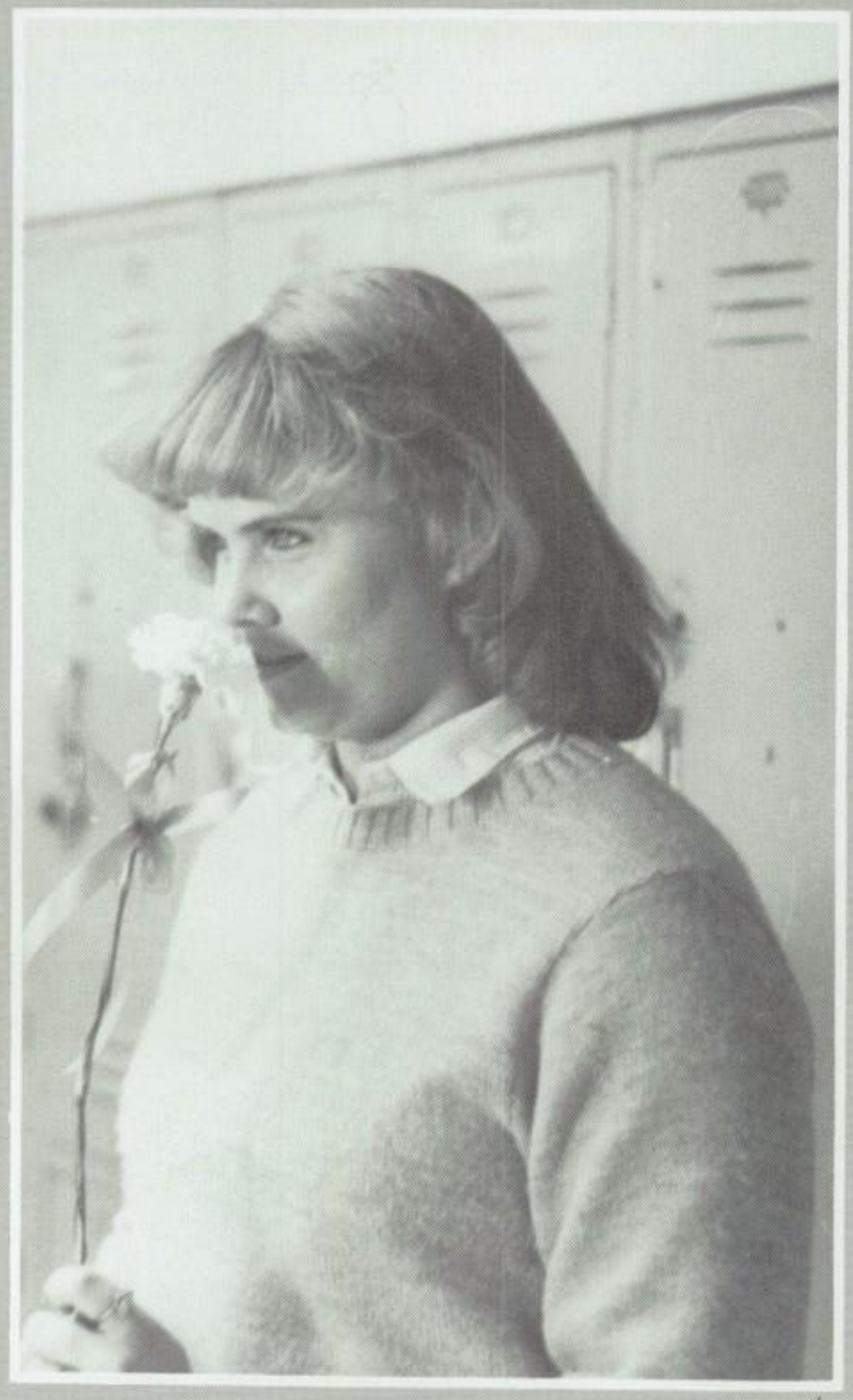
Several of the clubs chartered in that first year remain active today, including the Student Council, Rebel

FRESH IDEAS— Monica Mason helps Cindy Norris and other Octagon members with original sayings at the sign painting party for the game against Carroll.

MEXICAN FIESTA— At a concession break meeting, Mrs. Wanda Gates, foreign language teacher, discusses with Kim Nolan, club president, plans for going to eat Mexican food.

ettes, Art Club, Distributive Education, Future Homemakers of America, Future Business Leaders of America, and Y-Teens. Many special interest clubs, such as Library Club, Letterman's Club, Reporters' Club, and Future Farmers of America have been replaced with service-oriented organizations, such as Interact, Octagon, and Anchor Clubs.

Student participation and interest in clubs and organizations have kept them strong at WMHS and "Distinguished by the Gray."



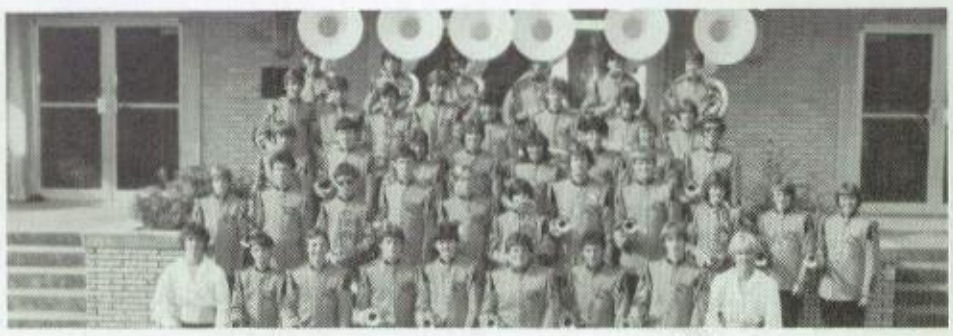
SYMBOLIC TRADITION— Junior Pam Weems smells her green beribboned yellow carnation following her induction into Anchor Club.

INFINITY— Karen Wink, senior, takes a picture of junior Stephan Jennings taking a picture of Karen Wink...

ANCHOR CLUB: (Front row) Ann Gray, Gina Dison, Michelle Dean, Tracy Futch, Crystal Stein **(2nd row)** Amy Meadows, Tina Furlow, Tracy Armstrong, Darla Gathright, Melony Hendry **(3rd row)** Audra Chesney, Judy Muckleroy, Jeri Ellis, Christy White, Sha Renfro **(4th row)** Deidra Hay, Connie Thompson, Kristy Ramsey, Rayne Williamson, Pam Weems **(5th row)** Brenda Rutledge, Lisa Bilton, Lisa Delrio, Susan McGhee **(Back row)** Michelle Lewis, Allison Adair, Wendy Kapp, Laurie Ochs, Michelle Aldridge

ANCHOR CLUB: (Front row) Lisa Oxford, Lisa Thrailkill, Jan May, Patti Hutton, Dana Neely **(2nd row)** Angel Dyke, Susie Lundy, Karen Henry, Pam Dumas, Amy Webb **(3rd row)** Leslie Feazel, Tracy Waldroup, Kathy Abbott, Dana McIntosh, Sandy Kolb **(4th row)** Sharon Jackson, Kalisha Stephens, Libby Hill, Selida Beebe, **(5th row)** Cathy Ray, Kim Adams, Nicole Pinton, Kim Nolan **(6th row)** Karen Finley, Carolyn Bennett, Leslie Cook, Celeste Cook, Dawn Ferguson **(Back row)** Stacy Sullivan, Tim Coody, Scott Cupit, Jay Mitchell, Todd Rogers.

ALL STATE BAND: David Colvin, Pam Bayles, Angela Jones, Karen Taylor, Randy Heisler, Kristina Weigman, Kamile Smith, Julie Latham, Charlene Fullerton



BRASS BAND: (Front row) Jeff Raper, Keith McKnight, Todd Scott, Lewis Strahan, Larry Thomas, Dion Young, Sean McLoughlin, David Arnold, Julie Latham, David Lindsay, Marianne Moore **(2nd row)** Jodi Morehead, Curtis Smith, Angela Jones, Kevin Kidd, Amy Shamblin, Randy Parker, Billy Hearne, Trey Lankford, **(3rd row)** Derek Hodnett, Chris Owens, Mark Walters, Eric Johnson, Mick Primm, Everett Rogers, Alan Gault, Mike Head **(4th row)** James Elee, Thomas Davis, Clint Tittle, John Obed, Randy Heisler, Kenny Coates **(Back row)** Michael Lawrence, Jeff Croft, John Wilhite, Pat Magouirk, Johnny Hembree, Robbie Freeman, David Johnson, Paul Guillot, Brad Fordham.

SCHOOL SPIRIT- Lisa Dilmore and Karen Young encouraged crowd spirit as one of the jobs as a varsity cheerleader.

PATIENTLY WAITING- Rebelettes wait for the half-time bell to ring so they can make their formation on the field for the Homecoming show.

Crowd Motivators

Whistle signals entrance of enthusiastic supporters

Five "tweets' of the whistle brings forth large groups of Rebel enthusiastics, as this signals the entrance of Raiders, Rebelettes, and band members at both pep rallies and sports events.

These groups, together with the varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders, compose the major portion of the more vocal Rebel fans.

These crowd motivators — the ones who get the crowds interested and keep them going — work during the summer as well as during and after school to insure a performance that will be well-received by spectators.

"It's a challenge to get the spirit going," commented Karen Henry, assistant head cheerleader of the varsity squad. "It (lack of student response) upsets me terribly . . . it makes you want to get them going," she added.

"When I cheer and others get motivated from it, it makes me feel great," explained Amy Meadows, junior varsity cheerleader.

Sponsored by Miss Lynn Parsons, both squads of cheerleaders had identical style uniforms but in different colors. With the same style uniforms, the squads were more than individual units for one group of athletes.

Football drew the biggest crowds, according to JV cheerleader Jeri Ellis. Basketball crowds, she noted, are dependent upon "who we play."

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT-Dedicated flutists Karen Taylor and Kristina Weigman find the solitude to practice in the girl's bathroom.

DRUM LINE: (Front row) Charlene Fullerton, Jack Fiscus, Marti Glass, Chip McNeil **(2nd row)** Blake LaComb, Mike Nolan, Tami Ratcliff, Bobby Traweek **(Back row)** Keith Palmer, Jay Burrows.

BAND OFFICERS: Brad Fordham, assistant drum major; Becky Curry, Secretary; Frosty Franks, property manager; Mike Head, vise president; Karen Taylor, librarian, Kristina Weigman, chaplain, librarian; Charlene Fullerton, chaplain

WOODWINDS (Front row) Becky Curry, Amy Perot, Craig Simpson, James Brown, Mary Ann Loveland, Lisa Barr, Lori Sanders, Rhonda Payne, Susan Bratton **(2nd row)** Cathy Cordry, Terri Bearden, Angie Head, Lee Ellis, Jennie Titsworth, Susan Bunn, Theresa Godwin, Aimee Bayles, Julie Harris **(3rd row)** Kim Holton, Kim Rodgers, Wendy Kapp, JoAnn Taylor, Paige Wathley, Kamile Smith, Debbie Prestridge, Lori Sanderson **(Back row)** Nita Young, David Colvin, Frosty Franks, Karen Taylor, Kristina Weigman, Pam Bayles, Scott Edwards, Alan Roach, Doug Bryan, Terry Davis, Tracy Jackson

BOYS STATE: Rob Hurst, Bobby Myles

Signs, and people get decorated at **Painting Parties**

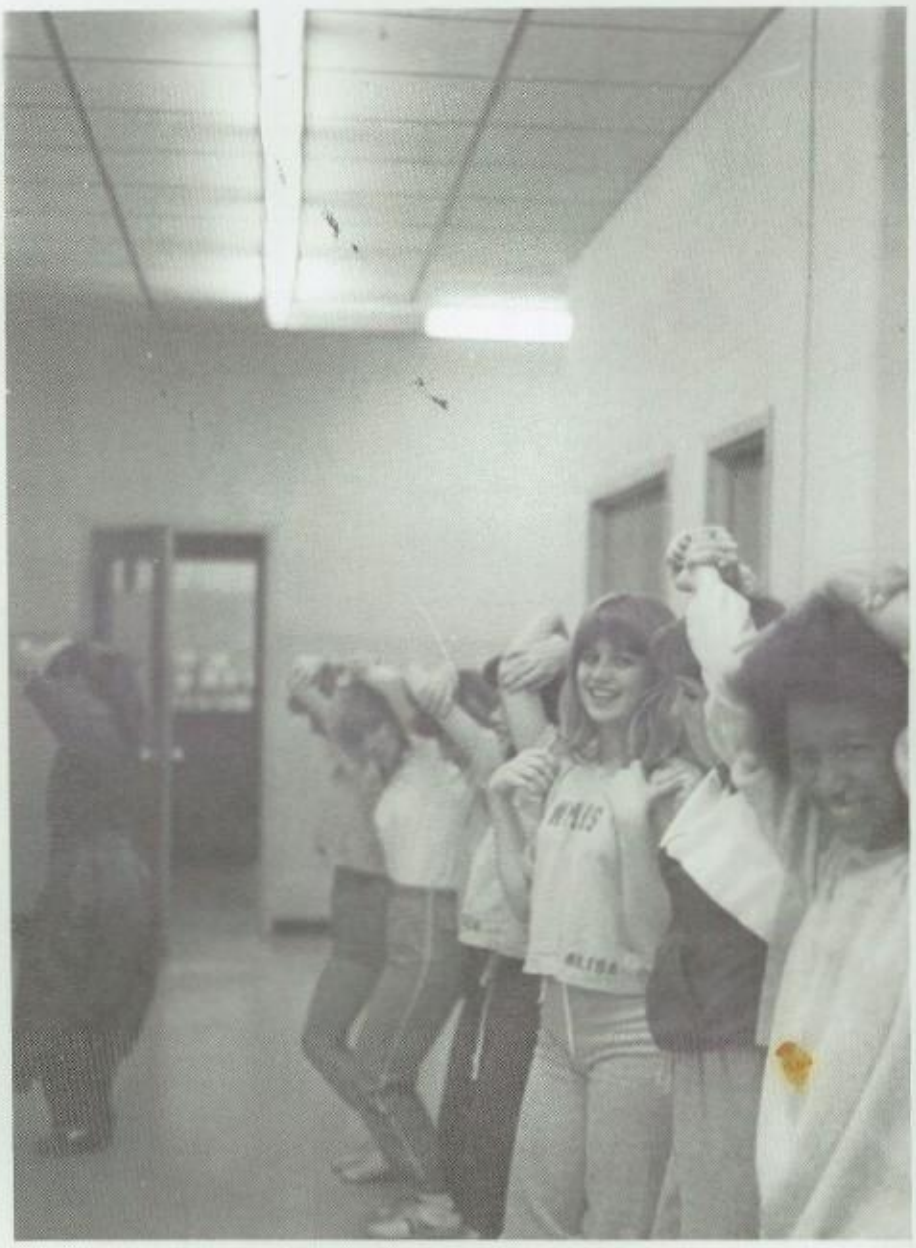
Painting hasn't been as much fun since the days of Tom Sawyer, as representatives of clubs and classes gather to paint signs instead of fences.

To build spirit at pep rallies, football games, and basketball games, students converge on a driveway to evoke an immediate change in an otherwise serene surrounding.

At these homes, classmates and club members roll out long strips of paper, assemble paints and brushes, determine slogans, and attempt to produce as many signs as the late afternoon sun will allow. Classmates enjoy getting together with friends to paint signs, and in some cases, each other.

"I just like getting together with everyone," said Barbara Westfall, senior.

Interruptions frequently occur, as one group "raids" another. Friendly "retaliation" on the part of the "invaded" group keeps the sign-painting party an exciting event. It sometimes concludes as a learning experience, as sophomores were truly "initiated" when the seniors and juniors bombed their first sign-painting party.



PRACTICE HARD GIRLS-The varsity cheerleaders practice a pillow dance for a Friday pep rally.

Crowd Motivators

. . . enthusiastic supporters

Also helping to motivate the crowds are Rebelettes, led by president Lisa Bilton. "We work by yelling with enthusiasm with the cheerleaders and who our love for the school," she said.

Crowd motivation is an inspiration for the Rebel Raiders as well. "It's a privilege to dance for the team and the fans," commented senior Raider LaDonna Stewart.

As for the crowds, junior Rayne Williamson explained the difference in performing for an adult crowd and student crowd.

"I think crowds with parents are easier to excite because West Monroe parents support and are always behind our team. When students see parents yelling and cheering, I think this helps them get into the game," she added.

Rebelettes and Raiders are sponsored by Mrs. Reba Williams and Mrs. Jeannette Cook. The groups perform at football games and home district basketball games. as well as being essential components of pep rallies.

Not only does the Rebel Band work to motivate the crowd, but also the crowds motivate the band members, as drum major Mike Lawrence explained. A good, responsive audience "gets us excited about our music . . . as well as giving a sense of pride and accomplishment." A good crowd response motivates the band to work harder and to strive for continued excellence. Working with Mike as drum major is Brad Fordham, under the direction of Dr. Michael Spears.

Developed several years ao to improve crowd spirit at basketball games, the pit crew serves as distinctive crowd motivators.

"The kids (Pit Crew) sit together and do their own little cheers and yells, and they motivate the team," explained basketball coach Sidney Smith.

"When I was coaching and in college, the athletes would always sit together and cheer for the players, and it always worked really well. This is not to take away from the Rebelettes, but rather to work in conjunction with them to support the team," he added.

Sharp and pretty. Junior Raiders, Sha Renfrow, Ann Lassitor, Michele Aldridge, and Michele Shelton, perform during a half-time at one of the home basketball games.

J.V. CHEERLEADERS: (Front row) Tracy Smith; head cheerleader; Wendy Kapp; Amy Meadows **(Back row)** Michelle Lewis, assistant head cheerleader; Jeri Ellis; Allison Adair; (not pictured) Sharon Pratt

VARSITY CHEERLEADERS: (Front row) Lisa Dilmore; Barbara Westfall; Angel Dyke; Lisa Thrailkill, head cheerleader **(Back row)** Suzy Fuller; Alisa Thurmon; Karen Henry, assistant head cheerleader.

A CHOIR: (Front row) Leslie Feazel, LaDonna Stewart, Kathy Johnson, Tiffany Fontana, Amy Webb, Julianne Latham, LaVonne Dustin **(2nd row)** Dana McIntosh, Tracy McCrory, Cindy Sorey, Gathright, Michelle Aldridge, Judy Miller, Dee McClendon **(Back row)** Mike Head, Jeff Counts, Glen Rountree, Phil Middleton, Tim Coody, Chuck Massey, Tom McCandish

B CHOIR: (Front row) Melonie Stephenson, Lisa Thrailkill, Tracy Foote, Deidre Hay, Patti Hutton, Gina Dison, Donna Welch **(2nd row)** Amy Mooreland, Christy Leonard, Audra Chesney, Darla Bridgette Evans, Lori Tidwell, Dawn Pippins, Kristy Burns **(Back row)** Greg Carter, Jamie Roye, Stacy Sullivan, David Williams, Mark LaGrone, Terry Bostick

ANNUAL PROGRAM-As a member of the production crew for the Black History program, Theatre-Forensics member Bobby Myles rehearses after school.

OVER AND OVER AGAIN-Lead characters, Tami Ratliff as Daisy Mae, and Lisa Bilton as Mammy Yokum rehearse lines for Lil' Abner.

Audience Pleasers

Shows feature outstanding talent

Step right up, folks! Buy your tickets now to see some of the greatest shows on earth, starring the West Monroe High School Rebel Choir, Rebel Band, Thespian Troupe 442, and Theatre-Forensics.

Mrs. Patricia Payne, director of the Rebel Choir, is responsible for choosing the more than 60 members who represent WMHS. Each member must audition and then sign an agreement to meet the qualifications of the choir's constitution.

As well as representing WMHS at local, district, and state musical festivals held throughout the year, choir members also give annual concerts, such as the winter concert and the spring concert.

For the first time, choir members participated in a festival in Biloxi, where they earned a 5-foot sweepstakes trophy.

THIS WAY Mrs. Pat Payne directs Rebel Choir members in rehearsal before the winter concert.

CENTER STAGE After school practice for the fall play kept Lori Harrist, Becky Dumas, and Nick Primm working on lines and staging as members of the cast.

CHOIR: (Front row) Stacie Hargrove, Kala Walker, Karen Finley, Michelle Jones, Carolyn Bennett, Laura Smith, Kathy Abbott, Kathy Socha **(2nd row)** Sharon Craft, Penny Cash, Karen Hart, Myra Howard, Kim Holton, Amy Shamblin, Dana Neeley **(Back row)** Jamie Bass, Scott Stewart, Keith Wilbanks, Howard Thompson, Chip McNeil, Robert Clay, Randy Heisler

CHOIR COUNCIL: (front row) Patti Hutton, Darla Gathright, Dana Neely, Kathy Socha **(2nd row)** Pat Paine, Amy Webb, LaDonna Stewart, Laura Smith, Kathy Abbot **(back row** Stacy Sullivan, Chip McNeil, Keith Wilbanks, Tim Coody, David Williams

CHOIR ENSEMBLE: (Front row) Darla Gathright, Leslie Feazel, LaDonna Stewart, Deidre Hay, **(2nd row)** Kala Walker, Amy Webb, Carolyn Bennett, Karen Finley, Laura Smith, Kathy Abbott, Julie Latham **(3rd row)** Phil Middleton, David Williams, Robert Clay, Jeff Counts **(Back row)** Jamie Bass, Chip McNeil, Scott Stewart, Jamie Roye, (not pictured Tom McCandlish)

COE: (Front row) Carol Simpson, Sharon Young, **(2nd row)** Cindy Head, Beverly Broughton, Karen Scarbrock **(3rd row)** Mrs. Phelps, Tracy Thornhill, Tammy Zeigler **(4th row)** Sharon Cross, Rita Holton, Angela Roberts **(5th row)** Jennifer Greer, Penny Brown, Jennifer Cann, Danita Cain, Belinda Bell **(Back row)** Eddye Westbrook, Cynthia Stuckey, Anita Scarbrock, Rhonda Scharf.

Sr. class president thinks leadership workshop

The Best

A delegation of students attended Louisiana College's Leadership Council Workshop during the summer in Pineville.

Amoung the WMHS students attending were Jim Herbet, Student Council president; Mike Latham, Senior Class president; Tim Coody, Octagon club president; Chris LeBrun, Junior class vice-president; Vickie Mason, Junior class president; Lori Harrist, corresponding Secretary; and Stacy Smith, reporting secretary.

During the three-day workshop, delegates attended classroom sessions much like a regular school day. After classes were dismissed at 3 p.m., the students participated in recreational activities.

The days began with an assembly for one hour. After the assembly, the students separated into three groups: Legislative, Executive, and Judicial. The mock systems of government were set up so that students could alternate between the branches every day.

"The students were playing the rolls of senators, representatives, judges, etc." commented Tim.

After 3 p.m., the students participated in "Outside Learning" which included activities such as basketball, volleyball, ping-pong, game room, tennis, and billiards, with tournaments in each area. Dinner was served every night in the cafeteria, except for a bar-b-cue and the banquet at the end of the workshop. "I've been to a lot of different workshops, including Student Council and yearbook, and I think that this workshop, is the best I have attented. The teachers were super and I really enjoyed myself," commented Mike.

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LOOK THIS WAY-In the summer, band director Dr. Michael Spears sits atop his tower to lead the marching band.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT-Practicing for the upcoming festival, Rebel Choir works hard as director Mrs. Pat Payne accompanies them.

Outstanding talent

As a reward for their efforts, a trip to New Orleans capped the weekend, although the trophy was so large that it had to ride in the bus bathroom.

Strains of "Dixie" and "We Got the Beat" were heard at football games, as well as occasionally during fifth period coming from the Rebel Band. At camp and at the marching festivals the 105 members, under the direction of Dr. Mike Spears, returned with top honors. Their achievements were evident in the performances given during the half-time show at football games when they received standing ovations.

"To be or not to be" — or whether 'tis nobler to be performing on stage or observing a performance is the question posed by members of Thespian Troupe 442.

Under the direction of Mrs. Linda Townsend, Thespians presents at least two plays during a school year. "If That's

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DECA: (Front row) Becky Zimmer, Jerry Jones, Donna Verrett, Bret Cromwell, Paul Morrisson, Timothy Howard **(2nd row)** Darrell Owens, Ronald Prestridge, David May, Shannon Redmond, John Dugger **(3rd row)** Ricky Dunn, Jeffery Douthit, Joe Lindsey, Lisa Clark, Randy Jackson **(4th row)** Phyllis Frost, James Clark, Jeffrey Butler, Beverly Hicks **(5th row)** Ginger Matheson, Jennifer Beebe, Ray Holton, Hope Myers, Lisa Jackson **(Back row)** Mrs. Mary Coleman, advisor, Vanessa Branson, Sharon McBroom, Jerry Jones

DECA: (Front row) Sharon Lindsey, Dawn Tolbird, Amy Worsham, Cherie Elee **(2nd row)** Connie Ezell, Lisa Hubbard, Adrain Talton, Martha Lawrence **(3rd row)** John Kent, Mark Beard, Stephanie Bond, Shannon Aikens, Vicki Tolbird **(4th row)** John Parker, Ronnie McGee, John Groves, Damon Minor **(5th row)** Kevin Weems, Ronnie McElroy, Kevin Evans, Jeffrey Rodgers, Mickey Barrett **(Back row)** Mr. Charles Jackson, advisor, James Eads, Jr. Owens, Benji Owens

FBLA: (Front row) Dianna Donaldson, Theresa Coleman, Sheila Caples, Cathy Cordry **(2nd row)** Rhonda Ward, Karen Hart, Tammy Murphy, Lisa Frost, Karen Wilson, Susan Bunn, Jennie Titsworth **(3rd row)** Lisa Morris, Todd Gaston, Tammy Baugh, Scott Vines **(4th row)** Becky Curry, Nita Young **(5th row)** Randy McGee, George Tan, Richard Loveland, Rusty Spillers **(Back row)** Bill Pascal, Johnny Hembree

FCA: (Front row) Joey Pleasant, Tom McCandish, Vaughn Landry **(2nd row)** Terry Bostik, Mark LaGraone, Kelly Mardis **(3rd row)** Pat Magourik, Glen Rountree, Jamie Bass **(Back row)** Keith Wilbanks, Scott Cupit, Stacy Martin

RECITATION-Theatre-Forensics student Kathy Ethridge practices her part in the Black History Week Program.

INTRODUCTORY SALUTE-Drum major Michael Lawrence salutes the audience when being introduced during the half-time performance.

Audience Pleasers

Outstanding talent

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Where It's At, Baby, I'm Not Going" was the Junior-Thespian fall play. Calling for an unusually large cast, it was a light-hearted comedy about a small college protesting because it does not get as much attention as the larger colleges. A senior-class play and a musical were also scheduled to be presented.

Theatre-Forensics, under the guidance of Mrs. Shirley Fields, participated in plays, tournament competition throughout the state, school assemblies, Children's Drama, and services to the community. The approximately 60 members must uphold the laws of the Constitution. To promote the arts of theatre, oral interpretation, public speaking, and debate were among the main purposes of this organization.

HEAT AND MORE HEAT-Even the morning hours did not offer a cool practice for the band, which started practice in August.

SHE'S PROUD-Choir director Mrs. Pat Payne finds a place big enough to display the 5 foot trophy that A Choir won at the Biloxi festival.

RELIABLE-Accompanist for Rebel Choir, Randy Heisler has the daily opportunities to use his musical talents.

FCA: (Front row) Dee Dee McClendon, Donna McClendon, Amy Shamblin, Brian Creery **(2nd row)** Kim Rountree, Dana McIntosh, Jennifer Rice, Kathy Abbott **(3rd row)** Sheri Brewer, Leslie Feazel, Kathy Socha, Karen Benton **(4th row)** Todd Nolan, Tom McCandlish, Sandy Kolb, Vaughn Landry **(Back row)** Richard Loveland, Scott Cupit

JUNIOR FCS: (Front row) Rhonda Brown, Julie Brandon, Lisa Bilton, Amy Meadows **(2nd row)** Jeannie Titsworth, Melony Hendry, Connie Thompson, Melanie Stephenson **(3rd row)** Kim Holton, Charlene Fullerton, Darla Gathright, Audra Chesney **(4th row)** Brian Johnson, Dawn Pippens, Hibbard **(5th row)** Jeri Pinton, Becky Hayes, Sharon Craft, Lisa Courtney **(6th row)** Beth Antley, Kristi Cook **(Back row)** Stacey Wyles, Chris Ainsworth, Valerie Brosset, Ronnie Walker, Troy Littleton, Glenn Rountree.

SOPHOMORE FCS: (Front row) Alicia Thompson, Janet Stimac, Jeannie Rogers, Teddi Haisty **(2nd row)** Jodie Moorhead, Cherie Williams, Lana Haddox **(3rd row)** Kim Odom, Lisa Dunn, Beth White, Kristi Rader **(4th row)** Hal Davis, April Dulaney, Paughnee Smith, Stephanie Lori Tidwell, Tracy McCrory **(5th row)** Brian Crump, Todd Gregory, Don Bowen, Kelly Mardis, Mark LaGrone **(6th row)** Morris Lary, Keith Wilbanks, Terry Bostick, Jamie Bass **(Back row)** Joey Pleasant.

FHA: (Front row) Melissa Lewis, Alisa Thurman, Karen Henry, Sandy Kolb **(2nd row)** Sheri Bolin, Laura Smith, Barbara Westfall, Valencia Smith **(3rd row)** Sandy Hollis, Sheila Coronado, Karen Hardin, Kim Alexander **(4th row)** Tonya Usrey, Linda Wink, Debra Langford, Linda Manning **(Back row)** Derrick Holman, Curtis Coleman, Mickey Hall, Felita Jenkins, Bryant Lewis

LECTURING-Sgt. Carter explains inductive and deductive reasoning to second year cadets during his 2nd period.

ROTC unit boasts largest membership

Sponsored through the Air Force and consisting of 155 students, the ROTC unit commanded the largest membership of all the clubs and organizations here. Next, with 105 members, was the Rebel Band.

The Foreign Language Club, which supported 95 members, and FCS, which contained 90 members held the third and fourth largest memberships.

Octagon, made up of 90 students, held the largest membership of the three service clubs at WMHS. Interact, containing 90 members, and Anchor Club, with 70 members, were the other two service clubs.

Composed of 22 seniors who went to school half-a-day and worked the rest of the day, COE was the smallest of the business clubs. The largest of these were FBLA, consisting of 60 members, and DECA, which had 55 members.

Consisting of 40 seniors, National Honor Society was the larger of the honor clubs, as Quill and Schroll membership was 30.

The "Audience Pleasers" clubs, with the exception of the Rebel Band, all had approximately 60 members each. These were the Rebel Choir, Thespians, and Theatre-Forensics.

The two remaining Christian organizations were Y-teens, having a total of 60 members, and FCA, composed of athletes, the smallest having 25 members.

Student Council was composed of 37 members.

On Display

Staff members blame lost material on

The Black Hole

A "black hole" where materials routinely disappear and reappear plagued staff members of both Rebel Dispatch and Rebelaire staffs as they worked in room 102.

Just when the needed materials were replaced, the missing materials — whether pictures, rulers, or copy — appeared, making the owner challenge his mental well-being.

A rule of thumb governing missing material placed the degree of importance on missing items in direct proportion to the approaching deadline. Nothing ever disappeared unless it was the vital element to complete a page in time for deadline.

Other than competing against the "black hole," staff members faced the constant daily pressures of meeting deadlines to insure on-time delivery. Nine deadlines faced the staff of the Rebel Dispatch as they completed a special Homecoming Edition.

Deadlines for the Rebelaire actually began in the summer with the cover design and continued until the end of January. Once the page deadlines were completed, proof deadlines were set so that the yearbook would arrive as scheduled in May. "Sure, we have a problem meeting deadlines, but we pull together and it comes out okay," commented junior Tammy Pettis about the yearbook deadlines.

For Dispatch members, meeting the deadlines, which included getting stories in on time, was the most challenging part of being on the staff, as explained by Jennifer Hudnall and Mike Banks.

For Tracie Coats, the most challenging part of being on the newspaper staff was "tolerating some staff members." But she added that she had benefited most by "not being scared to talk in the phone to strangers anymore."

Working together as a group is the way some staff members described their best experiences on the newspaper staff.

We got to know each other better by working as a group. We made a lot of friends . . . we had a few problems," commented Leslie Underwood, two-year member of the Rebelaire staff.

AY WHAT-As a reporter for the Rebel Dispatch, honda Ward asks a question about the length of her signed story.

BUSY, BUSY-Like a secretarial pool, Rebelaire staff members Ashley Blazier, Carolyn Newsom, and Tammy Pettis type their copy on 3-C forms for final corrections.

FLAG CORPS: (Front row) Becky Curry, co-cpt; Kim Berry, Mona Reed, Tracy Waldroup, cpt. **2nd row)** Dana Neeley, Julie Harris, Lisa Sanderson **(3rd row)** Jackie Bolin, Nita Young, Cathy Cordy, Susan Bratton, **(back row)** Melissa Ramsey, Kala Walker, Tracy Jackson, Kelly Boyett, Kim Holton

FOREIGN LANGUAGE: (front row) Jackie Matthews, Debbie Black, Sonya Breauy, Muli Byrd, Stacy Smith **(2nd row)** Ginger French, Wendy McNaughton, Don Banks, Kim Nolan, Karen Henry **(3rd row)** Valerie Brossett, Terri Huff, Brian Belmont, Mike Banks, Lisa Foster **(4th row)** Tina Furlow, Beverly Wiggins, Penny Wittinton, Jeannie Peske, Caroline Weaver **(5th row)** Greg Falls, Sherri East, Angela Samples, Wendi Porter, Toby Berry, Ginger Knox **(6th row)** Brian Johnson, Gary Gallien, Debbie Crain, Troy Roberts, Jeff Brewer **(7th row)** April Woosley, Cheryl Flanagan, Gina Brown **(back row)** Shannon Wright, Steve Crawford, Scotty Adams, Ron May

GIRLS STATE Michelle Jones, Lisa Oxford

JUNIOR INTERACT (front row) Jeri Ellis, Tina Furlow, Christy White, Sha Renfrow, Amy Meadows, Michelle Lewis, Scott Stewart, Tracy McRory, Carol Thames, Jana Wilbanks **(2nd row)** Gina Dison, Scott Foust, Craig Spivey, Terry Bostick, Phil Middleton **(3rd row)** Todd Little, Tom Mulhearn, Robert Shannon, Pam Weems **(back row)** Mark Sikes, Tim Nelson, Mike Murray, Kandy Auger, Chris LeBrun, Steve Anderson, Kenny Gulliot

DEADLINE TIME- Derek Hodnett and Karen Young paste-up the editorial in the Rebel Dispatch to meet their deadline.

EDITING- Correcting and checking copy for the yearbook is senior Jan May, Rebelaire editor.

On Display

From giving up concession and lunch breaks to working after school and during holidays, the publications staff members were together more than just in the designated one hour daily. Sharing the photographers kept both staffs helping one another, as well as exasperating the four photographers to complete work requested.

Leading the Rebelaire staff were Jan May, editor, and Pam Dumas, assistant editor, both of whom had attended local and regional yearbook workshops since their sophomore year.

Working with them were second year staff members Karen Buchanan, Ashley Blazier, Jay Mitchell, Bob Prestridge, and Lesley Underwood. New staff members included Mike Latham, sports editor; Todd Peters, business manager; Gina Wyatt, Tammy Pettis, Jeanne Johnson, Mike Carter, Mike Cox, Doug Anderson, and Carolyn Newsom.

Yearbook work "teaches you to finish a product," according to Pam. Requiring "a lotta hard work and extra time," the yearbook staff has taught Pam leadership and responsibility, she noted.

For Jan, being editor has helped her learn how to handle responsibility." The yearbook "gives a feeling of accomplishment when you're through and you see what you have done," she noted.

Rebel Dispatch, which shared the same facilities as yearbook staff, had 16 staff members, many of whom had worked the previous year. Lisa Foster and Stacy Sullivan worked as editors to make assignments, design pages, and determine editorial policies.

Among the highlights was the reprinting of their editorial on drunken driving in the Monroe New-Star-World and feedback from as far away as Baton Rouge in response to it.

Rebel Dispatch staff members were Yvette Foy, Michelle Adams, Tracie Coats, Mike Banks, Derek Hodnett, Tammy Robinson, Jennifer Hudnall, Selida Beebe, Kim Davis, Karen Wink, Stephan Jennings, Ronda Ward, Dana McIntosh, Jason Pleasant, and Dana Neeley.

Representatives of both staffs attended the annual SIPA convention in March to receive ratings from their publications. The Rebelaire had previously been awarded a first class rating by Columbia Scholastic Presses.

"When student staffers work on publications and write what hundreds of other people will read, their work certainly is on display," explained advisor Mrs. Hope Carroll.

CONCENTRATING-Correcting grammar and matching copy with picas on the page takes a lot of concentration senior Pam Dumas, Assistant Editor of the Rebelaire.

TOGETHERNESS-Two brains working and thinking together accomplishes more when working on a Rebel Dispatch story as with Editors Lisa Foster and Stacy Sullivan.

SENIOR INTERACT: (Front row) Jay Mitchell, Keith O'Briant, Vaughn Landry **(2nd row)** Barbara Westfall, Lisa Thurmon, **(3rd row)** Stacy Sullivan, Greg Smith, Todd Rogers **(Back row)** Dana McIntosh, Scott Cupit

SOPHOMORE INTERACT: (Front row) Valerie Brossett, Penny Brown, Linda Lou Ford, David Curry, Whitney Dewees, Sandy Smith, April Dulaney **(2nd row)** Lisa Jordan, Lana Haddox, Anita Lee, Larry Mock, Amy Naff, Cherie Williams, Keri Nolan, Kim Odom, Deidra Farr, Bubba Roark, Greg Falls **(Back row)** Scott Swanner, Joe Drost, Ginger French, Beth White, Sandra Wink, Nicole Weems, Tracy Wheelis, Larry Clark, Jim Bob Worthey, Jerold Schmeer

JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS: (Front row) Susan Davis, Tracy Smith **(2nd row)** Vicki Mason, Allison Adair **(Back row)** Chris LeBrun, Michelle Lewis, Ann Gray, Mark LaGrone

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY: (Front row) Jennifer Rice, Sharon Young, Lisa Oxford, George Tan, Paige Jackson **(2nd row)** Bob Hurst, Hal Morrison, Brad Fordham, Kim Nolan, Libby Hill **(3rd row)** Jim Herbet, Todd Rogers, Robert Clay, Richard Loveland, James Frith **(Back row)** Mike Latham, Jeff Counts, Joe Vasquez

COOPERATION- Octagon members Lisa Thrailkill, Gary Yarbrough, Nicole Pinton, and Cathy Ray work together to make a sign at one of the many sign-painting parties.

MAKING PLANS- A discussion of plans for a Mother-Daughter banquet in Anchor Club takes place between member Rayne Williamson and sponsor Mrs. Reba Williams.

Devoted To Service

I PLEDGE . . . - Newly elected officers of FBLA pledge to uphold and honor their new positions with candles symbolizing each division of office.

INITIATION- Interact members Jana Wilbanks initiates a new student by pinning on an "I."

For community and school service three clubs become

Highly Visible

Highly visible in the community because of their sponsoring agencies, three clubs are concerned primarily with service projects, both at school and in the community.

Their members' active participation in school and community events has earned Interact, Octagon, and Anchor clubs large membership here.

These clubs sponsor activities such as dances, to interest the students in social activities and to promote school and student involvement. Sign-painting parties, special observances, and induction of members further enhance the spirit of active participation and service.

Assisting in the community Heart Fund drive, Interact Club Members are assigned to major street intersections in West Monroe to collect in the annual drive. Last year, more than $900, during the one Saturday, was collected by club members.

Interact, sponsored by the West Monroe Rotary Club, conducts service projects based on the amount of revenue collected from its fund-raisers. Although it gets no financial support from its sponsoring agency, three Interact members rotate as guests at the weekly meetings.

Service to the community in the form of help with the Special Olympics is an annual project of the Octagon Club, sponsored by Optimist Club. Funds generated from candy sales and dances allow Octagon Club to sponsor a Halloween Dance, free to all who are costumed.

Recognized by their T-shirts, Octagon Club members also sponsor the annual Riverboat Dance and promote school and student involvement with sign-painting parties.

A Christmas party at G.B. Cooley

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY: (Front row) Rob Hurst, vice president; George Tan, president; Kathy Abbott, secretary; Leslie Cook **(2nd row)** Yvette Foy, Pam Dumas, Karen Young **(3rd row)** Tracy Waldrop, Kathy Socha, Valencia Smith, Stacy Smith **(4th row)** Celeste Cook, Sandy Kolb, Dawn Ferguson, Jason Pleasant **(Back row)** Michelle Jones, Richard Loveland, Todd Rodgers, Nicky Waugh

JUNIOR OCTAGON: (Front row) Paul Ziesel, Rayne Williamson, Keith Wilbanks, Robert Emory, Kirk Albritton **(2nd row)** Tracy Smith, Tracy Armstrong, Michelle Dean, Connie Thompson, Stacy Smith, Melony Hendry **(Back row)** Lisa Delrio, Michelle Aldridge, Susan McGhee, Lisa Gray, Mark LaGrone

SENIOR OCTAGON: (Front row) Suzy Fuller, Angel Dyke, Kristy Burns, Karen Henry, Jeff Counts, Tom McCandish **(2nd row)** Sonya Lynch, Chuck Massey, Crystal Hedge, Stacy Martin, Lisa Thrailkill, Tim Coody, Mike Hendrix, Susie Lundy **(3rd row)** Michelle Jones, Celeste Cook, Laura Smith, Cathy Ray, Pam Dumas, Kathy Abbott, Brad Bates, Lisa Dilmore, Jim Herbet, Ladonna Stewart **(Back row)** Nicole Pinton, Leslie Cook, Carolyn Bennett, Jim Douglas, Tammy Poulan

SOPHOMORE OCTAGON: (Front row) Jodie Moorehead, Micheal Henry, Paul Dykes, Jay Brooks **(2nd row)** Sherry Fuller, Tracy Thurmon, Julie Jarvis, Stephanie Duke, Becky Dumas **(Back row)** Kristi Cook, Tiffany Fontana, Misti Green, Scott West, Alicia Thompson, Jeff Casio

A final step for membership is

Initiation

The word "initiation" might make some students a little wary, but such events are not really that bad. Actually for many students, it is the final step to getting in that organization or club they have always dreamed of.

The Future Business Leaders of America, or FBLA, follows a standard induction ceremony set up by the national office for all FBLA clubs across the country.

The light is dimmed, and each officer is given a different color candle, lit from a tall white candle as they receive their charge. Only officers are inducted in this fashion. The white candle symbolizes the chapter and its members.

Officers are elected by members of FBLA. Anyone who has a business course can be a member. Mrs. Joanne Calhoun is sponsor.

Thespians Troupe #442 is a chapter of the International Honorary Drama Society which offers troupes a formal and an informal induction ceremony.

This year the Thespians, sponsored by Mrs. Linda Townsend held a formal induction ceremony. The inductees were seated in the auditorium, with Thespian officers onstage. Each officer explained a relevant phase of theatres such as literature, dance and music. Each inductee, called forward and introduced, lit his smaller candle form a larger one on the stage. As a group they pledge to accept the responsibility of membership. Thespians must have ten points earned through active participation on and off stage. They must pay dues, attend meetings, support and participate in plays.

The Anchor Club, sponsored by Mrs. Johnnie Queen and Mrs. Reba Williams, follow less formal initiation processes. New members were introduced at a meeting during concession break and were given yellow carnations with green ribbons.

Anchor club members must be juniors who are nominated by two current members and must have at least a 2.5 g.p.a.

Another initiation, light-hearted and less formal, is that of the Junior Raiders into Rebel Raiders. For a week they become "baby" Raiders. The seniors Raiders each draw the name of a new Raider. This means that the "Baby Raider" will receive little messages and presents from their older sisters Monday through Thursday of the upcoming week. On Friday morning at 7, all Raiders meet in the gym and the "big sisters" reveal themselves.

Upon learning the identities of their senior sisters, the junior Raiders are required to dress up as "punk babies" for the day. No makeup, mismatched clothing, and special bibs are part of the mischief planned by the seniors. Also, any time a junior Raider sees a senior, she must bow down to her.

At the end of the day, initiation is over the juniors are officially "Raiderized."

Devoted To Service

Highly visible

Hospital and dressing dolls for the Salvation Army to give to underpriviledged children at Christmas are annual projects of the Anchor Club and its sponsoring agency, the Pilot Clubs of the Twin Cities.

An organization composed primarily of girls, its membership requirements include being nominated by two active members and maintaining at last a 2.0 gpa. Six senior boys are elected annually to serve as Admirals.

A highlight of the year is the annual Mother-Daughter banquet, with the girls and admirals inviting their mothers.

ON DISPLAY-Arranging the Anchor Club dolls for display are senior Dana McIntosh and junior Stephanie Prater.

REBEL SUPPORT-Octagon members paint signs for an upcoming game at Michele Jone's house.

REBELAIRE: (front row) Mike Carter, Jan May, editor; Tammy Pettis, Leslie Underwood, Ashley Blazier **(2nd row)** Mike Cox, Gina Wyatt, Karen Buchanan, Jeanne Johnson, Pam Dumas, assistant editor; Carolyn Newsom **(back row)** Bob Prestridge, Todd Peters, Mike Latham, Doug Anderson

REBEL DISPATCH: (front row) Tammy Robinson, Lisa Foster, Stacy Sullivan, Mike Banks **(2nd row)** Jennifer Hudnall, Selida Beebe, Karen Young, Kim Davis **(3rd row)** Rhonda Ward, Tracy Coats, Karen Wink **(back row)** Jason Plesant, Derrik Hodnett, Stephen Jennings

REBELETTE DRUMMER: (front row) Teddie Haisty, Betty Sue Lee, April Bounds **(back row)** Sylvia Ard, Liddie Jackson, Kim Peters, Wilma Woodward

REBELETTE OFFICERS Vicki Mason, Tracy Armstrong, Lauri Ochs, Lisa Bilton

Boys & Girls State make government

Come Alive

More than 1,400 young adults attended a week-long program at LSU to acquaint them with the function of their government.

The main objective of Boys' State and Girls' State is to educate young adults in the duties, privileges, rights, and responsibilities of American citizenship. Representing WMHS were Michele Jones, Lisa Oxford, Bobby Myles, and Rob Hurst. To be eligible a student had to have high moral character, a 2.0 average, be out of the 11th grade, and be ready to become a senior.

Girls' State and Boys' State are set up in much the same way, each as a mock state, with delegates assigned to cities. Cities consisted of about 30 people, and parishes were made up of two cities.

There were two political parties, the Federalists and Nationalists, and each city was half and half. State officers were voted on through a series of party caucuses and primaries.

At the end of the week a ceremony with Governor Dave Treen was held at the Capitol. There was also a dance for both Girls' State and Boys' State participants.

"We would leave the dorms at 6:30 in the morning every morning and get back at 12 or 1 late that night. Then if you had speeches to write or bills to work on, that had to be done then. Two or three hours of sleep a night was common. There was absolutely no free time.

"I'm sure Girls' State sounds just like a big Civics Camp or prison, but it wasn't. There are a lot of things I didn't like about Girls' State, like not knowing anybody and not getting enough sleep, and always walking in columns to do things; but when I think back on it, I only remember the good things like all the friends I made and how it feels to win an election and how much more I know now about my government and how it works. I know much more than I could have ever gotten from any Civics book and I'm really glad that I went," commented Michelle.

"Boys' State is a lifetime experience for a person to benefit from. You learn so much about the government on city, parish, and state levels. I would encourage any student who is chosen to go, to go because it is very educational," commented Bobby Myles. "I am going back next summer as a junior counselor."

Special Achievements

JUST FOR FUN - Rob Hurst and George Tan lead National Honor Society members in a tension relaxing game.

REBELETTES (front row) Lisa Bilton, Tracy Armstrong, Laurie Ochs, Vicki Mason **(2nd row)** Teddie Haiety, Slyvia Ard, Likkie Jackson, Wilma Woodward, Betty Sue Lee, Liz Jones, Kim Bennett, Kim Peters, April Bounds **(3rd row)** Tracy Foote, Vonda Taylor, Shonda Lewis, Sandy Smith, Janet Stimac, Alicia Thompson, Ashley Fisher, Christy Lenard, Donna Sims **(4th row)** Christy White, Anita Lee, Paige Smith, Deidra Farr, Linda Lou Ford, Tracy Hamel, Becky Hayes, Pam Rose, Jeanie Rogers **(5th row)** Karen Wilson, Lea Ann Strickland, Cindy Norris, Cindy Patton, Rhonda Williams, Kristi Cook, Monica Mason, Sherri Fuller, Tracie Thurmon **(6th row)** Carolyn Newsom, Shannon Aikens, Rhonda Moulder, Wendi Porter, Beth Antley, Cherie Elee, DeAnn McMillan, Tiffan Fontana, Amy Moreland, **(7th row)** Paige Mayo, Dixie Foster, Cherie Williams, Ricketta Franklin, Kim Morman, Mickey Barrett, Valerie Brossett, Pam Brown, April Dulaney **(8th row)** Yulanda Bluford, Christy Cummings, Sandra Wink, Lea Ann Palmer, Beth White **(9th row)** Tracy Futch, Connie Ezell, Christy Clark, Lisa Dunn, Tracy Singletary, Lori Ryals, Amy Neff, Kim Pepper, Amber Hendon **(10th row)** Terrie Soos, Angie Crowell, Terri Emery, Lisa Jordan, Theresa Huddleston, Sarah Beckley, Jackie Brazier, Tracy Hall, Deanna Thomas **(11th row)** Angela Weaver, Karen Donald, Keri Nolan, Tara Miller, Kristy Rader, Shron Craft, Mistie Green **(back row)** Pam Weems, Tracy Wheelis, Tonya Johnson, Ginger French, Nicole Weems, Kim Frantom

Honor club students work to stay on

Top

What does it take to reach the top? To be the best, set objectives and ways to reach those goals, including being a good student and maintaining a high grade point average.

Forty students at WMHS have done just that. These are the students inducted last spring into the Chief Tusquehouma chapter of National Honor Society. Each has kept an overall average of 3.0 and collected 40 academic honor points during their freshman, sophomore, and junior years.

Voted on by the faculty, these students are sponsored by Mrs. Loretta Ashbrook, Mrs. Sue Williams, and Mrs. Jean Halsell.

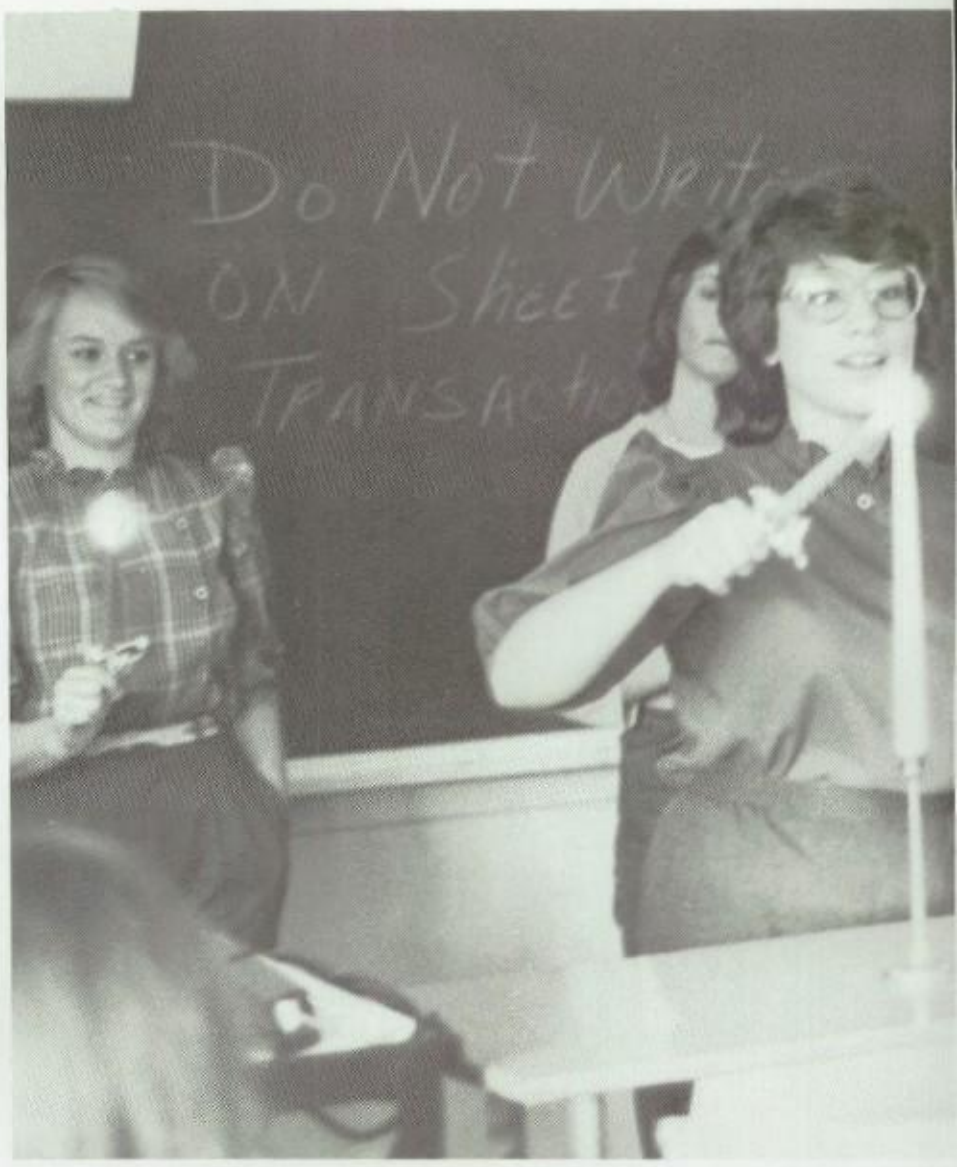
Eligible juniors and seniors, selected by the faculty will be inducted in the spring. Honor graduates wear a gold tassel during the graduation ceremonies instead of gray.

Another honor club at WMHS is Quill and Scroll, owing to the fact that a student must be in the upper two-thirds of his class in order to participate. One requirement for membership is the contribution to a student publication. Members planned to produce a literary magazine with emphasis similar to that of "Foxfire." There were also plans to contribute to the state magazine featuring the best work of students' pictures and stories. A cash award for the winners in the state contest is given.

"We're going to try to make the magazine broader this year with the help of some English classes. It's a good way for students to earn recognition for their writing skills," commented club sponsor, Mrs. Hope Carroll.

JUNIOR RAIDERS: (Front row) Audra Chesney, Gina Dison, Ann Lassiter, Michelle Aldridge, Michelle Shelton **(2nd row)** Sha Renfrow, Stacy Smith, Tina Furlow, Melanie Reppond, Caroline Weaver **(Back row)** Susan McGhee, Rayne Williamson, Carol Thames, Jana Wilbanks

SENIOR RAIDERS: (Front row) Laura Smith, co-captain; Susie Lundy, co-captain **(2nd row)** Tammy Poulan, Dorothy Brakefield, Dawn Ferguson, Nicole Pinton, Shawn Jackson **(3rd row)** Celeste Cook, Sandy Kolb, Yvette Foy, Kathy Abbott, Pam Dumas, Ladonna Stewart **(Back row)** Michelle Jones, Leslie Cook, Carolyn Bennett, Karen Finley, Cathy Ray



SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS: (Front row) Suzy Fuller, Todd Rodgers **(2nd row)** Lisa Thrailkill, Dawn Ferguson, Barbara Westfall, Karen Henry **(Back row)** Mike Latham

SPANISH CLUB: (Front row) Pam Dumas, Kay Marley, Michael Pipes, Tracy Magee **(2nd row)** Jennifer Rice, Selida Beebe, Karen Young **(3rd row)** LeAnn Strickland, Lisa Dunn, Kim Marley, Kim Poe, Amy Moreland **(4th row)** Lisa Delrio, Christy White, Jeri Ellis, Kyle Lopez **(Back row)** Lori Brown, Betty Sue Lee, Doug Martin, Keith Pitman

INITIATION-New members Theresa Coleman, Sheila Caples, and Rhonda Ward are fully inducted into FBLA.

A LITTLE CHEERFULNESS- Fruit baskets provided by FHA were given to residents of a local nursing home.

Vocational Interests

Between jobs and school, selected students earn

Money And Credits

Work your fingers to the bone and what do you get? Three credits. Is it worth it? For the 22 students enrolled in the COE class, it is indeed worth it, because it offers them a chance to work and at the same time earn credits for school.

These seniors went to their first three classes in the morning, including the COE class. After third period, they went to their separate jobs. In recognition of working at these jobs, they earned three credits.

Special occasions, sponsored by the COE class throughout the year included their annual Christmas party, a spring banquet for each student's boss, and an end-of-the-year school trip to Florida.

The WMHS School Store flourished for the second year of being in business. It was owned and managed by local members, who are a part of DECA, a nation-wide business club whose main purpose was to teach how to become a good leader as well as a good follower, get involved with the school and the community, teach marketing skills through competition, and remain intact with chapter programs.

The 55-60 members must be enrolled in Distributive Education class. A few of their major fund-raising activities during the year were the selling of mugs, with the Western Pride emblem printed on them, a hypnotist show featuring Dr. Ray Beam, and managing the school store.

The main objective of Future Business Leaders of America was to provide as an integral part of the instructional program additional opportunities for students in business and office education to develop vocational and career supportive competencies, and to promote civic and personal responsibility. The qualifications for membership were that the individual be enrolled in a business class or to have had one in the past.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION- DECA members Karen Whitton observes as Mayor Dave Norris signs a document declaring a city-wide DECA week.

SLEEPING SOUNDLY- Selected students were hypnotized by Dr. Ray Beam during one of the two assemblies sponsored by DECA.

Variety of clubs offer social and personal benefits

With a variety of clubs to join, many students consider the benefits, both socially and personally to be gained from their choice.

Service clubs have the largest combined memberships of the various club interests, but what does a club, primarily devoted to the service of school and community, offer the average young person?

"I get a good feeling, like helping those kids in Special Olympics. They couldn't do all that on their own; they needed encouragement," commented Octagon Club member Robert Emory.

Providing different services for the community to help it become a better place is one of the strengths of Octagon, according to Mrs. Mary Beth Johnson, sponsor of the service club.

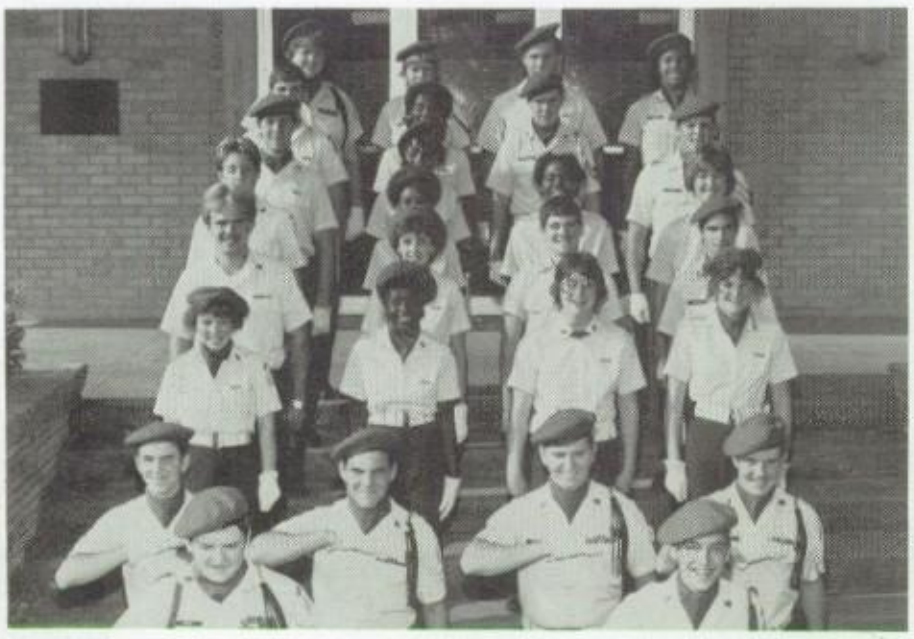
"I think it's good that we're able to help out our community by providing services that are needed," said senior Octagon member Nicole Pinton.

Interact Club member Sha Renfro, junior, explained her reasons for joining a service club, "It makes school more fun and we have a feeling of accomplishment."

"The students make suggestions of different services that are needed to make the school better for everyone. Often different members of the community will call and ask us for special services," said Interact sponsor Mrs. Sammie Saulsbury.

Concerning the service projects of Anchor Club, Rayne Williamson, junior, said, "It made me feel good to give a doll to a child who was not as fortunate as others at Christmas."

LA-61st AFROTC SQUADRON COMMAND AND STAFF OFFICERS: (front row) Capt. Matthew Burke **(2nd row)** Cmdr. Capt, Kathy Copeland, Dept. Comdr. MSgt. Todd Jackson **(3rd row)** 1st Sgt. 1st Lt. Albert Edmiston, Personnel Officer, 2nd Lt. Alan Carro Carroll, Information Officer Capt. George Tan **(back row)** Finance Officer 1st Lt. Dona Verrett, Admin. Officer Capt. Heanne Lauhoff.



DRILL TEAM (front row) Matt Burke, Corps Commander, Randy Thornton, Drill Team Commander **(2nd row)** Todd Gregory, Robert Eric, Albert Edmiston, Charles Tanner **(3rd row)** Rhonda Branell, Vera Modicue, Kim Gibson, Linda McCarty **(4th row)** Junior Pearce, Marilyn Hailey, Scott Beaver, Michael Sanders **(5th row)** Kirt Nelson, Felicia Gant, Lydia Stewart, Tonya Vickery **(6th row)** Johnny Lutrick, Amy Heath, James Waterhouse, Alan Carroll **(7th row)** Matt Morehead, Camaro Heath, Dewayne Wedgeworth, Debra Williams **(back row)** Jeanne Lauhoff, Dona Verrett.

STAFF NCO CADETS (front row) Todd Jackson, 1st Sgt., Titia Millican, Administration **(2nd row)** Todd Gregory, Logistics, Eric Robert, Operations, Charles Tanner, Personnel **(back row)** James Waterhouse, Information

LOOKING IT OVER- To group leader James Frith Cadets Otis Jackson, Son Leonard, and Michael Sanders explain their speech while Sgt. Carter observes.

Special Interests

Range of clubs suits variety of interests

"Different strokes for different folks" an American way of life. Students at WMHS have a choice of several different clubs suited to special interests.

ROTC is suited to those students who are U.S. citizens, physically fit, 14 years of age, and have the desire to be part of the U.S. Air Force.

Attending the curriculum-in-action trips to Barksdale Air Force Base, England Air Force Base, four orientation flights in U.S. Air Force Aircraft, southern orienteering meets, the Bossier-Caddo Field Day, and Holiday-In-Dixie Drill Tournamentare 155 students under the instruction of Lt. Col. Frank Schmidt and Sgt. Billy Carter. A special senior trip to England Air Force Base in Florida for the senior members of the AFJROTC is conducted annually.

LA-61st AFJROTC Squadron, under commander Matthew Burke, has a membership of 100 students. AFJROTC Drill Team with 24 members, AFJROTC Color Guard with 10 members and AFJROTC Orienteering Team with 21 members are all under the command of Randall Thornton.

The AFJROTC cadets not only conducted the Flag raising at home football games, and basketball games but also participated at the orienteering meet, Bossier-Caddo field day color guard, in service to civic and parish school activities, Christmas activities with residents fo Ridgecrest Nursing Home, and a fund drive for the American Heart Association.

For students interested in other cultures the Foreign Language club, consisting of 95 Spanish and French speaking students, promoted interest in language and participation in language-related experiences. Club members did extra-curricular activities to further learning of other cultures and to promote school spirit, Mardi Gras activities; Christmas celebration, French dinner and a Mexican dinner.

Efforts to reform a rodeo club began in the fall.

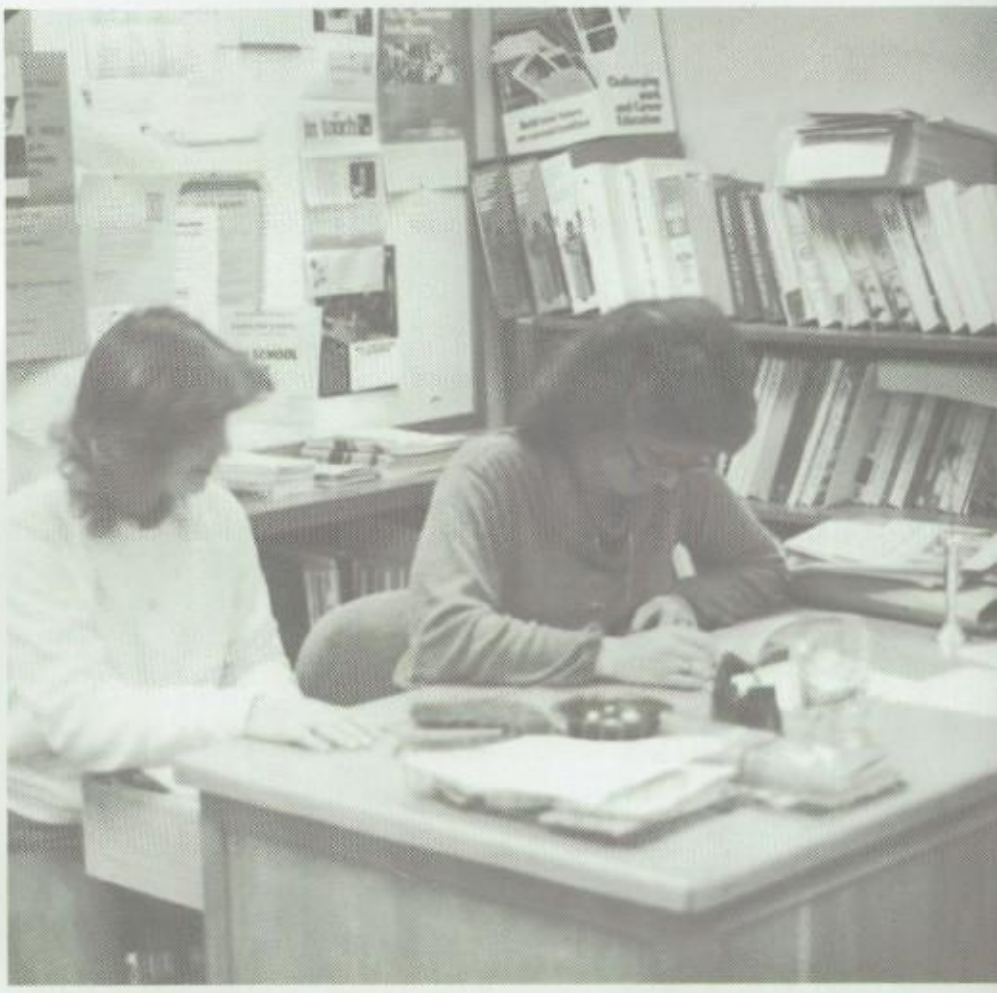
NO LANGUAGE BARRIER- Both French and Spanish students, such as Kim Nolan, Brian Belmont, Penny Whittington, Cheryl Flannigan, and Kim Marley, gather in Mrs. Gates Room during concession break for a Foreign Language Club Meeting.

REIGNING REX- The King of Mardi Gras is surrounded by finery as French students convey their ideas of Mardi Gras parades in miniature floats.

FLIGHT COMMANDERS (front row) Matt Burke **(2nd row)** Todd Gregory, Rhonda Branch **(back row)** Junior Pearce, Camaro Irick

COLOR GUARD (front row) Todd Gregory, Amy Heath **(2nd row)** Dona Verrett, Deborah Williams **(back row)** Jeanne Lauhoff, Charles Turner

ORIENTEERING TEAM (front row) Randy Thronton, team captain **(2nd row)** Matt Burke, Albert Edmiston, Don Lenard **(3rd row)** Kim Gibson, Camaro Irick, Tonya Vickery **(4th row)** John Crain, Matt Willis, George Rogers, **(5th row)** Larry Irving, Scott Beaver, Harold Strange **(back row)** Matt Morehead, Dewayne Wedgeworth, Dona Verrett, Jeanne Lauhoff



SORTING THINGS OUT-One of the jobs of office worker Cindy Gist is sorting mail into the teachers boxes.

IN THE BOOK-Lisa Moore and Rhonda Nugent check a reference as COE workers in the Guidance Office.

Student Help

Office, library and Student Council workers

Assist in daily operations

Help me! Would someone please tell me where the auditorium is? These halls are so crowded; am I supposed to get to my next class in five minutes?

In trying to alleviate some of these first-week-in-school confusions, Student Council conducts tours of WMHS for incoming sophomores prior to the first day of classes. Sophomores are invited to attend orientation meeting, after which they break into small groups and are led through the school buildings by members of Student Council.

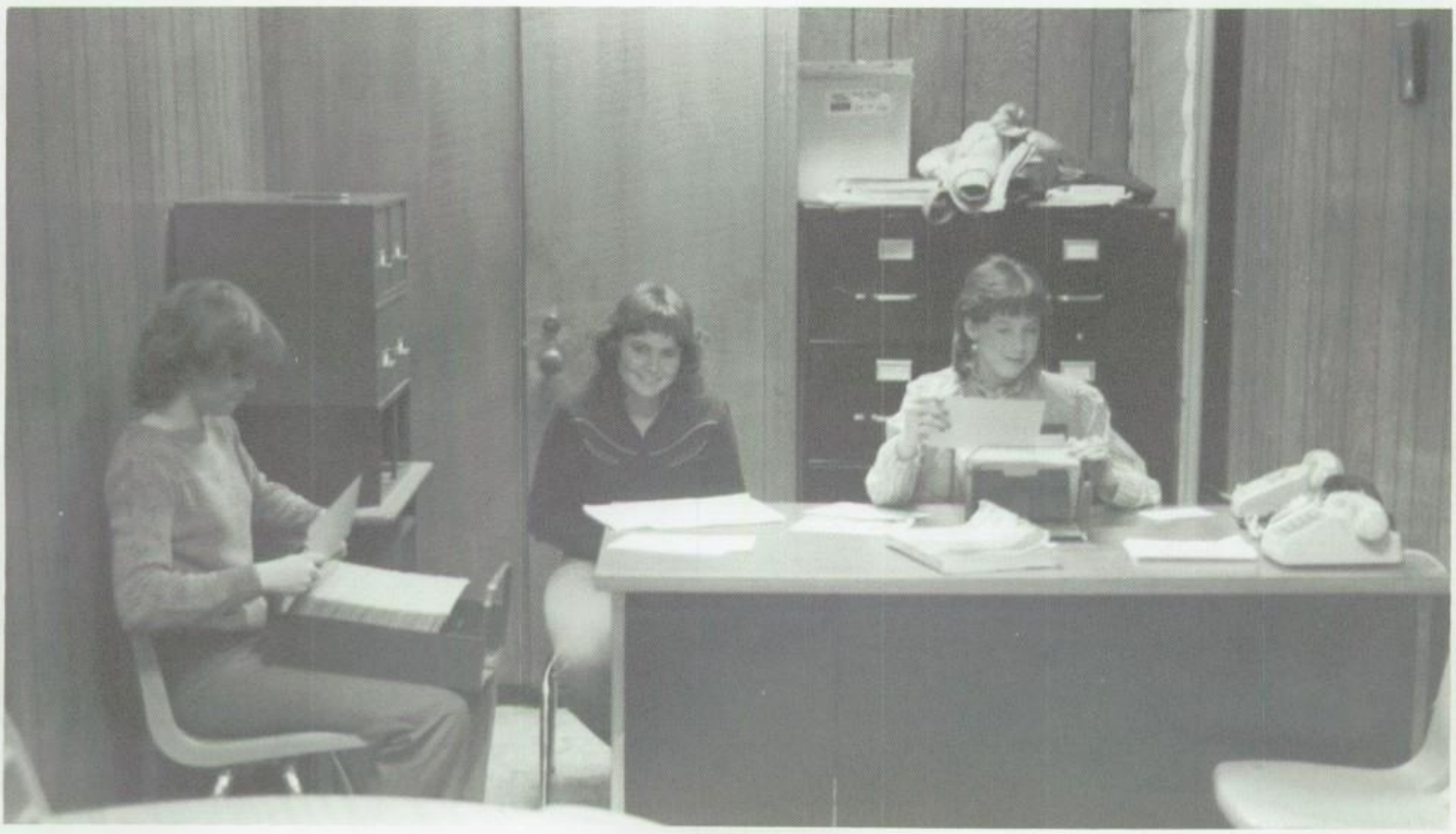
"Up" and "down" staircases plague new students, and information is disseminated on these and other typical problems before school actually begins. More than 200 sophomores responded to the third annual orientation in an August Saturday.

Affecting not only the sophomores, but also every other student who drives his car to school, parking regulations generate concern, especially for overdue fines. Taking care of parking problems falls under the responsibilities of Student Council. To avoid a parking violation, each student is required to obtain a parking sticker and to park in designated areas.

More than 600 parking stickers were issued in September, with seniors having first options.

Student Council members sponsored a canned goods contest this year between all the homeroom classes. The cans collected were given to the needy at Thanksgiving.

Members of Students Council attended a Leadership Conference, and State and regional conferences to learn to serve the student body more efficiently. Student Council also sponsored a leadership workship with Mrs. Kay Baker, from Hurst Texas.



MATCHING IT UP-Sorting out check-out slips are fifth hour office workers Tina Gilbert, Rhonda Scharf, and Lisa Garner.

SOPHOMORE OFFICERS: (Front row) Linda Lou Ford, Tracy Hamel **(Back row)** Cindy Norris, Keri Nolan, Misti Green

STUDENT COUNCIL: (Front row) George Tan, Tracy Smith, Amy Meadows, Rob Hurst **(2nd row)** Linda Lou Ford, Lisa Thrailkill, Barbara Westfall, Karen Henry **(3rd row)** Allison Adair, Keri Nolan, Karen Hart, Suzy Fuller **(Back row)** Michael Henry, Tim Coody, Todd Rodgers, Dawn Ferguson

STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS: (Front row) Carolyn Newsom, Stacy Smith, Leslie Feazel, Lori Harrist, **(Back row)** Rob Hurst, Jim Herbet, George Tan

THEATRE-FORENSICS: (Front row) Melony Hendry, Mrs. Shirly Fields, advisor; Julie Brandon, Rhonda Tisdale, Donna Sanders **(2nd row)** Hilary Flock, Kathryn Ethridge, Becky Dumas, Kim Alexander, Yolanda Bluford **(3rd row)** Fred Norman, Dianna Thomas, Wendy McNaughton, Jamette Barnard **(4th row)** Michael Pipe, Donald Woods, Eumicka Johnson, Scott Vines, Kim Marley **(5th row)** Scotty Adams, Brian Johnson, Paughnee Smith, Dana Sanders, Kay Marley **(6th row)** Angela Weaver, Stephanie Parker, Donna Delukie, Kim Pepper, Karen Hart, **(Back row)** Demitrius Calcote, Doug Martin, Gary Gallien, Ronnie Walker, Anthony Jenkins

Fund-raising

Money makes the world go 'round, just as it supported the projects of clubs and organizations here.

Selling candy was the most widely-used fund-raising idea. From M&M'S and Reece's Pieces to carmal bars, organizations sold the sweets, usually priced at 50 cents. Among the groups selling candy were Rebelettes, Raiders, cheerleaders, COE, and publications staffs.

For service clubs such as Octagon and Interact, a more sociable fund-raising idea was sponsoring dances. Octagon held the Back-to-School dance, the annual Riverboat dance, and the Halloween dance. The homecoming dance and the Morp dance were sponsored by Interact.

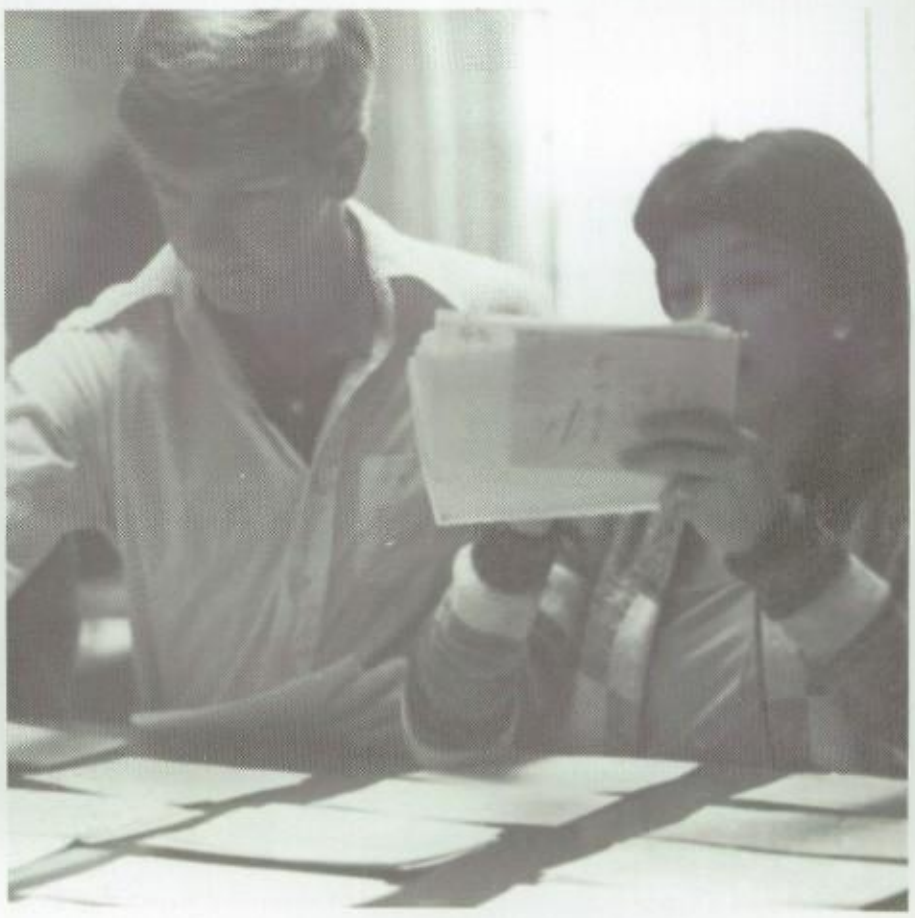
The Dear Dance, as well as a winter concert and a spring concert, was sponsored by the Rebel Choir. In keeping with the winter season, the tennis team held a Snow Dance. Through the combined efforts of all these clubs several after-game dances were held during football season.

Following a latest fashion trend — Panama Jack shirts — the Lady Rebels softball team sold panama-jack type shirts with the WMHS emblem on them.

DECA sponsored a hypnotist show and assembly and sold mugs with the Western Pride emblem on them to raise money.

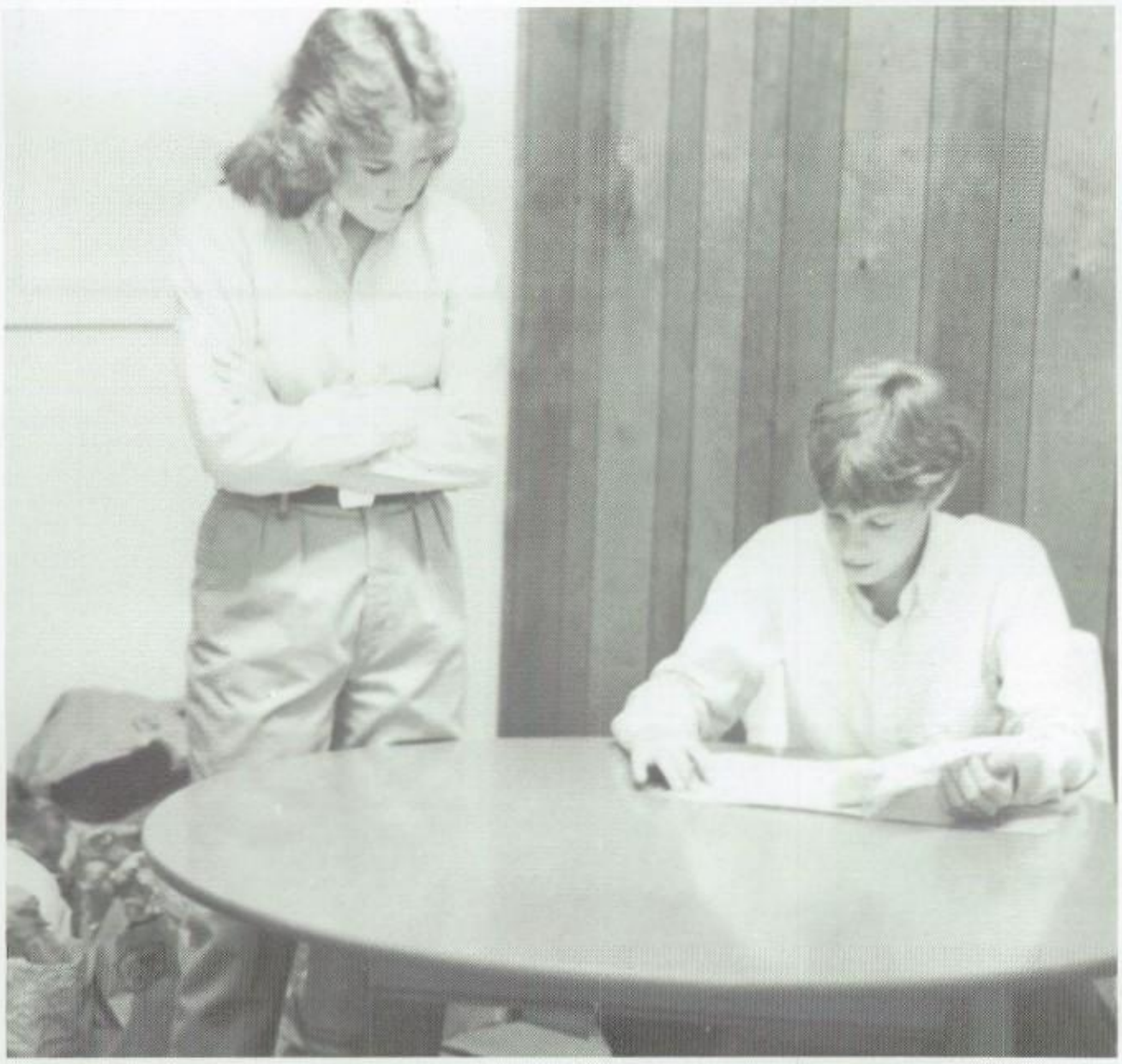
To raise funds needed to help purchase a computer, publications staff members conducted a computer dating survey.

Ad sales for the football program, sports calender, yearbook, and newspaper financed a substantial portion of printing costs while allowing students to represent their school.



ALPHABETICAL ARRANGEMENT- Office workers Keith O'Briant and Melony Hendry check the attendence cards, one of their daily duties.

Student Help



PRE-RUSH WORK Office workers Rhonda Regan and Michell Lewis complete their office practice assignment in the little time before the first hour.

FINAL TALLY Counting cans collected from each home room for the canned goods contest are student council members Ann Gray and Chris LeBrun.

...daily operations

Following an active sophomore class campaign for class officers in October, the Student Council membership stablized at 37.

If help in the library is what you need and the librarians are occupied with someone else, there will usually be a library worker on hand. Two students work in the library each day to provide help for students and librarians. Checking books out to students, putting cards in the returned books, making our overdue book slips and placing books on the shelves are among tasks performed daily by these students. When it comes time for library inventory, these students may be found going through card catalogues.

"I like working in the library because I enjoy the work, and it gives me the chance to learn more about the way a library is run," said Julie Tan, senior, about working in the library.

"You get to meet everybody. You get to know teachers and principals," said fourth period office worker Linda Underwood, senior, about her office practice class.

The 61 students classified as student helpers earn academic credit through their work "on the job" as well as fulfilling course criteria.

THEATRE-FORENSICS (front row) Andre Rayford, Tob Hurst, Lavelle Dickens, George Tan, Mrs. Shirley Fields, advisor **(2nd row)** Melissa Louis, Kelly Mardis, Kathy Johnson, Rhonda Brown, Anthony Jenkins **(3rd row)** Toni Rogers, Cam Fisher, Mary Cummings, Michelle Mayo **(4th row)** Bobby Myles, Jon Martin, Lisa Clouatre, Morris Lary **(5th row)** Karen Young, Richard Loveland, Greg Anding, Matt Burk, **(back row)** Tanya Hendricks, Micheal Hollier.

THESPIANS (front row) Lisa Foster, Kim Rountree, Lisa Bilton, Lori Harrist, Stacy Sullivan, Amy Shamblin, Kathy Socha, Mike Banks **(2nd row)** Cam Fisher, Ginger, French, Theresa Bond, Hilary Flock, Jodie Morehead, Dana Neeley, Randy Braddock, Kamile Smith, Paughnee Smith, Byron Logan, **(3rd row)** Chris Owens, Scotty Adams, Tracy Foote, Sharolyn Handel, Rhonda Brown, Michelle Mayo, Caroline Weaver, Mark LaGrone **(back row)** Susan Bratton, Andre Rayford, Chris Brasher, Tami Ratliff, Angela Jones, Stepanie Duke, Becky Dumas, Lisa Mercer.

THESPIANS (front row) Sharolyn Handel, Jeanne Johnson, Lynn Socha, Kay Marley **(2nd row)** Nick Primm, Lisa Mercer, Marianne Moore, Jodie Moorehead **(3rd row)** Chris Brasher, Angela Jones, Kamile Smith, Paughnee Smith, **(4th row)** Caroline Weaver, Stacy Sullivan, Tracy Waldroup, Scott Vine **(5th row)** Rex Rugg, Byron Logan, Kelly Mardis, Michelle Mayo **(back row)** Amy Shamblin, Mrs. Linda Townsend, advisor.

Y-TEENS (front row) Melanie Stephenson, Amy Meadows, Connie Thompson, Tracy Futch, Tracy Armstrong **(2nd row)** Tracy McCrory, Becky Hayes, Tracy Wheelis, Patty Hutton **(3rd row)** Paige Smith, Dawn Pippens, Lori Tidwell, LeAnn Strickland **(back row)** Kristy Ramsey, LeAnn Palmer, Jeanne Rodgers

TRIUMVIRATE- Y-teen members Allison Hood, Lori Harrist, and Michelle Aldridge discuss upcoming plans.

GUEST SPEAKER- FCS president Vaughn Landry talks to Gene Ford, assistant principal and sponsor, about his recent devotional given at WMHS.

Shared Fellowships

Students show concern through Christian work

Showing their care and concern for others is the purpose of a large group of students who gather twice weekly, while two other groups meet regularly to share fellowship and good times.

Each of these groups—Fellowship of Christian Students, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Y-Teens— works to promote a concern for their fellow man.

The FCS, meeting each Tuesday and Thursday morning in the choir room, has one of the largest enrollments of any organization on campus. During their 20-minute meeting, students hear testimonies from community members, as well as sharing their own testimonies.

A Jesus Rally early in the second semester brought out musical talents from students such DeeDee and Donna McClendon. Also performing during the lunch-time rally was SALT, composed of high school students.

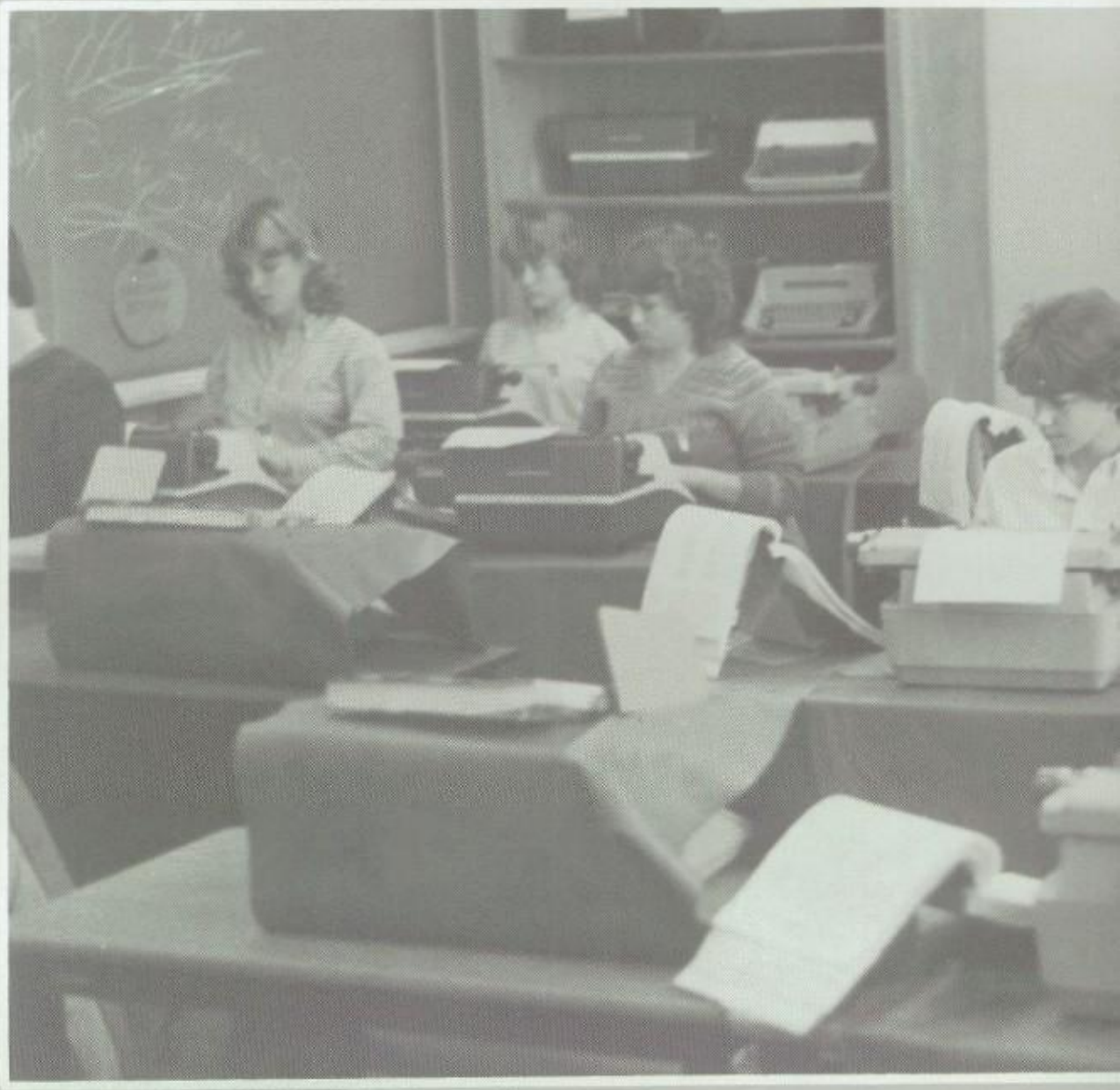
BE OUR GUEST-Guest speakers such as Joe Smith, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, talk with FCS members every Tuesday and Thursday morning.

ADMINISTRATIVE HELP-Fellowship of Christian Student members Amy Meadows, Amy Shamblin, Vaughn Landry, and Brian Creery discuss plans for a Jesus Rally with Assistant Principal Gene Ford.

ACADEMICS

Course offerings have been changed during the last 30 years to compensate for the changes in needs of students to prepare for college or vocational training following graduation.

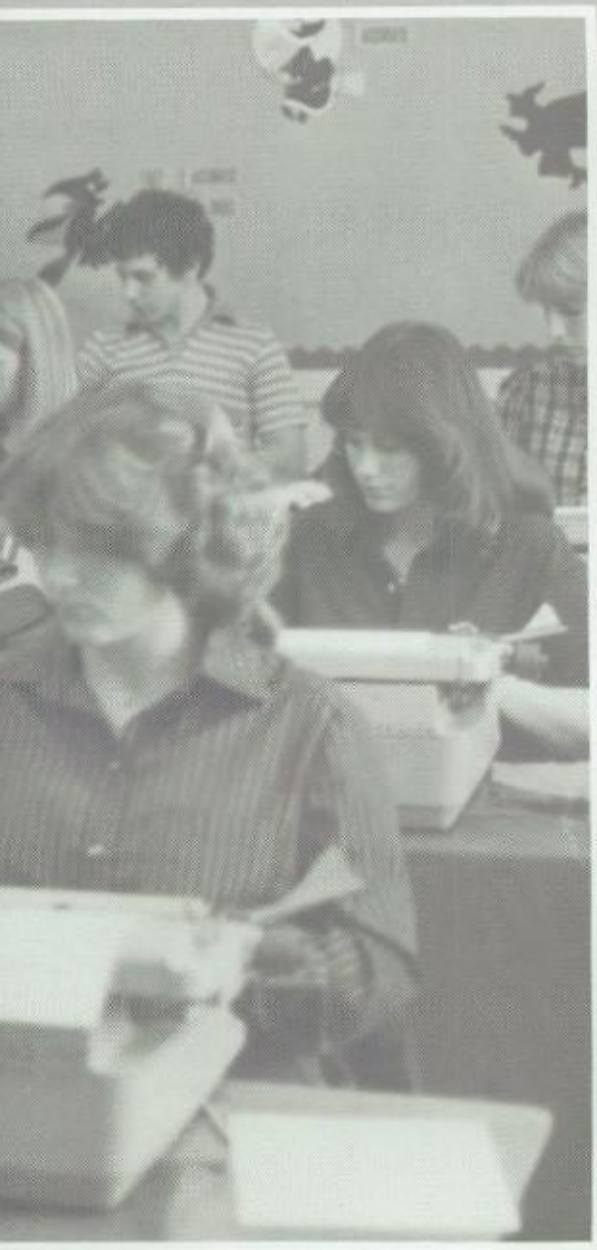
In 1953, math offerings included

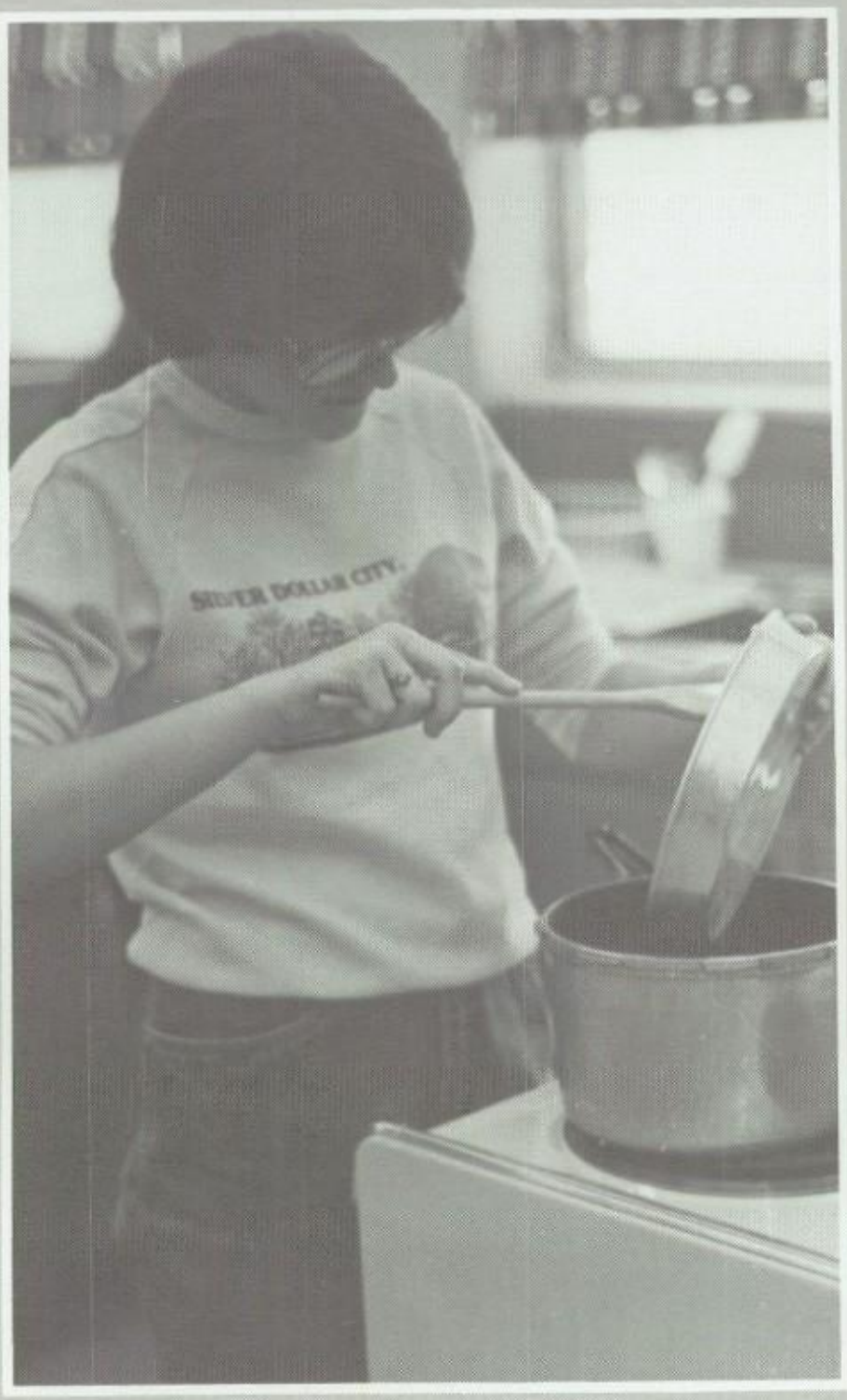


PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT — Eyes on the book and fingers arched on the keys, Bridget Evans, Jackie Grazier, Susan Bunn, Tami Lane, Lori Hart, Chris Dukes, Deidre Farr, Lisa Duffy, and Patricia Futch try to do their best on a timed writing in Mrs. Norris' class

FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS— In home ec classes in cooking exercises, Suzanne Gray and Donna Hall assemble necessary utensils, such as a mixer, for their class.

lid geometry, Algebra I, trig, Math general math, advanced algebra, d senior arithmetic. In 1982, stu- nts have almost as wide a selec- on to fulfill their requirements of ree units in math.
Social studies, English, and P.E. remain required courses, while elective courses today include home and family living, art, ROTC, business law, and foreign language. Regardless of the program of studies, most students are finding themselves being "Distinguished by the Gray."





MIXING IT UP— Home ec students such as Nelia Aaron learn to follow cooking directions, such as carefully mixing ingredients called for.

TEACHER ASSISTANCE— Mrs. Camille Adair, new to the English classes from American history, helps Lynn Sanderson with his sophomore English assignment during fifth.

PATIENT RESPONSE — In her second period English IV class, Mrs. Sue Williams listens to a question concerning history of the English language prior to the study of "Beowolf."

HELPING OUT — As her first period geometry students begin their work with theorems and postulates, Mrs. Ida King views the work completed by Keri Nolan.

GIVING NOTES — In the second nine weeks study of American literature, Mrs. Juanita Burk waits for students to copy notes from the board on predistination.

NEW TO THE RANKS — Transferred to the English department this year, Mrs. Camille Adair, formerly an American history teacher, indicates the correct form to her English II students.

Distinction for class of '83 may be

Two Additional Credits

The class of '83 may be "Distinguished by the Gray," but it's also distinguished by the additional math and English credit.

Legislative action four years ago added the fourth year of English and third year of math to the previous requirements, increasing the number of credits for graduation to 22.

To compensate for the seniors needing the two units but not interested in the traditional college prep courses, school officials added to the curriculum. Business English and senior math were available this year. To fulfill the English requirements, students could also choose Speech I or journalism as alternates to the fourth-year English.

"Scores on various types of tests demonstrate what English teachers already know — students need more language skills and knowledge of our language and literature. Any requirement to the curriculum that affords students more exposure to and practice with language and its skills is a positive addition," explained Mrs. Sue Williams, chairman of the English department.

"It (the requirements) made me mad. It made me have to take more classes. I could have gotten out earlier in the day, but now I can't. The English credit didn't bother me as much because I like English anyway. I took the business English when it was offered because I thought it would be easier (than English IV)," commented Fran Peters.

Echoing her sentiments was Shereada Minnifield, who had anticipated attending classes only three hours, instead of the five which she has had during her senior year.

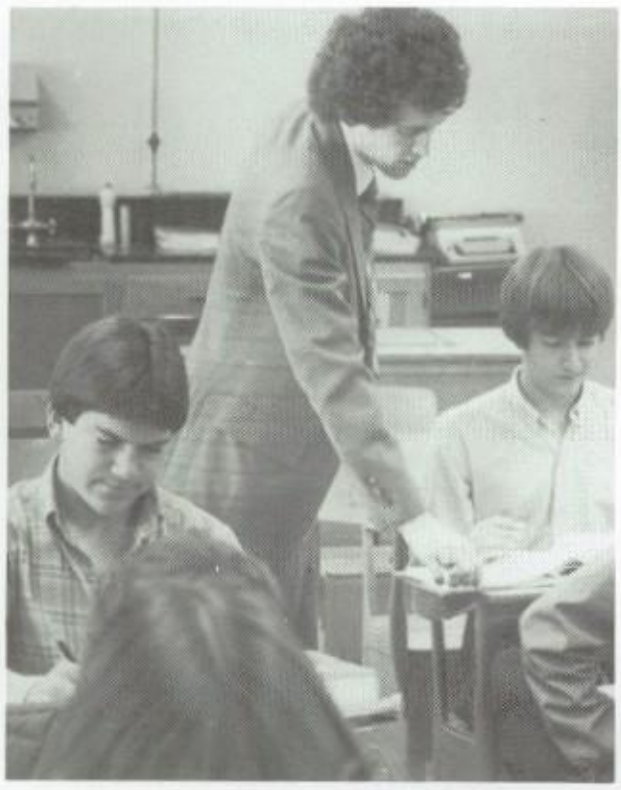
For Liz Grazier, the requirements have not made any difference, since she was planning to attend classes all day during her senior year.

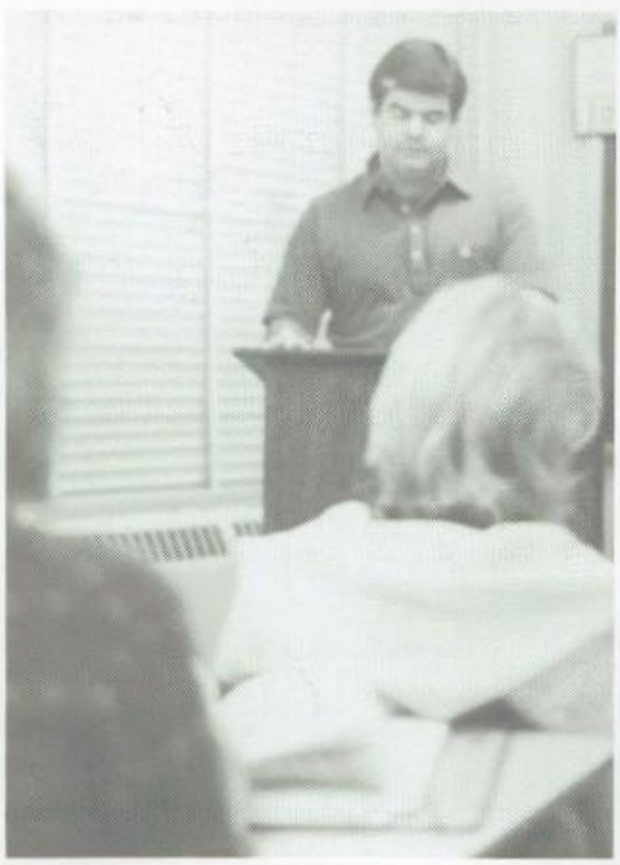
The additional credit requirement in math "increases background for college. Most courses require a good background in math. There are too many math remedial courses in college now," added Mrs. Billie Singleton, chairman of the math department.

CHECKING IT OVER — As her math students complete their assignments, Mrs. Mary Beth Johnson grades homework.

DAILY PREPARATIONS — As the only physics teacher but also a math and algebra teacher, Mrs. Linda Luttrell sorts her papers to check each class' work.

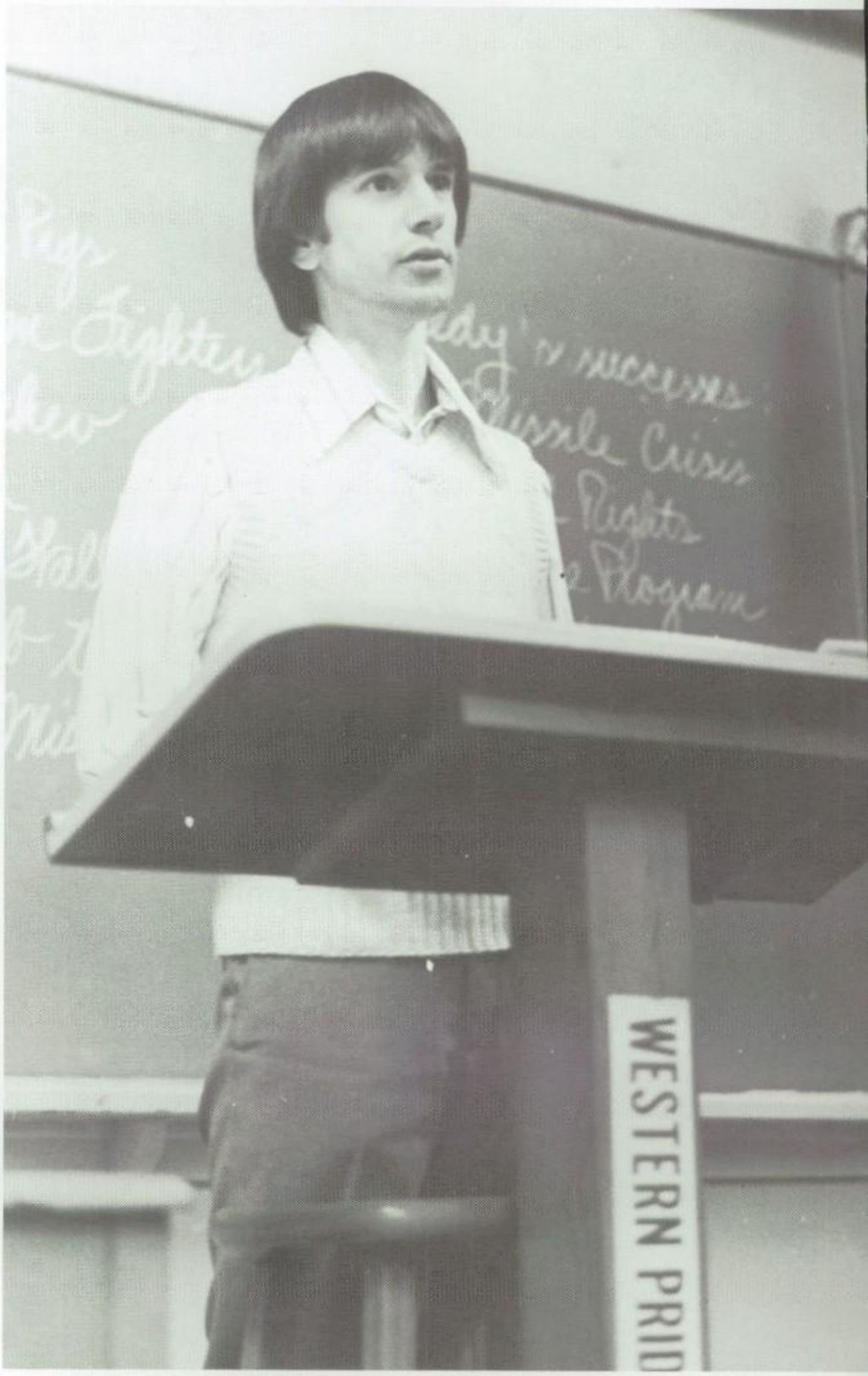
NEW CLASS — For sophomores who are designated as "gifted and talented," a special biology class has been offered, with Mr. Gary Stringer as the instructor. Among the students enrolled are Jody Morehead and Greg Falls.





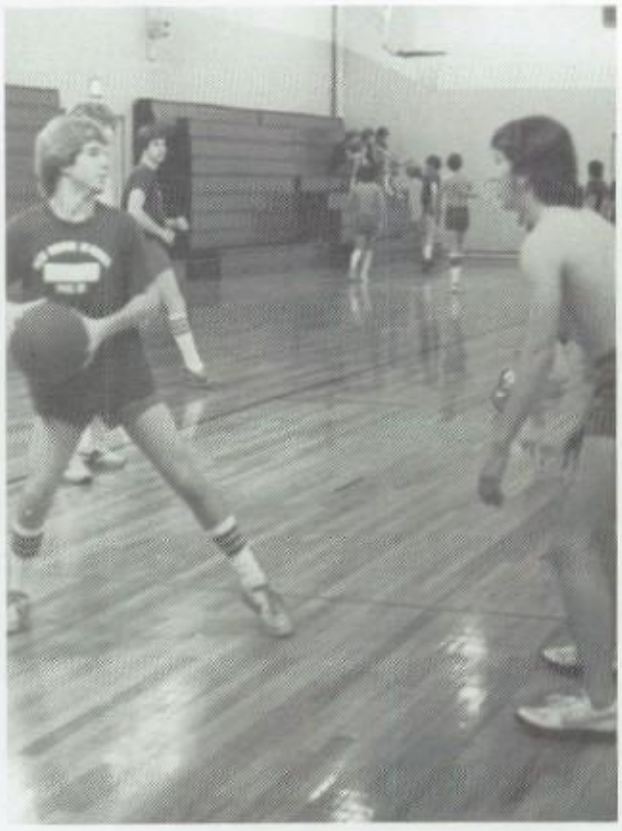
REQUIRED FOR SENIORS — Teacher/Coach Andy Long checks roll before beginning his American free enterprise instruction to seniors.

PAST AND PRESENT — The Kennedy administration is the topic under discussion during one of Mr. Jamers Warner's American history classes.



IMPROVING SKILLS— Sophomore girls in Mrs. Ora Willis' class, such as Tammy Lewis, participate in a variety of activities, including a unit on archery.

QUICK MOVES — Two units of physical education are required, and beyond the requirements, other students such as Randy Braddock and Terri Davis, elect the course to earn their 22 credits.



BIOLOGY DEMONSTRATION — Mrs. LaVon Oglesbee indicates a difference in vertebrates and invertebrates during a lecture in October.

Graduation means you've passed

Required Courses

When a senior readies himself for graduation, he has completed his 22 credits, many of which he has been compelled to take.

Among the classes required for graduation are four Englishes, three maths, civics, two physical education classes, two sciences, American history, and American free enterprise. Failure to pass any of these may postpone graduation or mean that a student will attend a summer school session.

With the additional requirements in math and English, enrollment in physics, one of the elective sciences, has declined, according to records in the guidance office. Many students feel that they cannot take an English, math, and physics in the same year.

Chemistry enrollment has stabilized over the last few years with students who are preparing for college.

"Chemistry is a must if you're going to college. Many of my former students now in college say that the chemistry class benefitted them greatly," said Mr. Arnor Ford.

A biology class for sophomores identified as "gifted and talented" is available this year. Teaching the seven students in Mr. Gary Stringer, who also teaches the classes at other schools in the parish.

"The gifted program differs from a regular class in that we use much more detailed information. Also, since our class is so much smaller in number than regular ones, we receive more individual attention/instruction and we can cover topics more quickly," said sophomore Angela Jones.

In the gifted and talented class, labs are utilized more often. "Some weeks are composed of 50 per cent lab activities, which are taken from a variety of biology references," said Mr. Stringer. A mini-course, "Biology in Louisiana," has been developed to deal with biological concepts that students experience in their daily lives here.

Since civics is required of freshmen, only the students who did not pass the course at the junior highs and those who move into the state enroll here.

"Unless you know how government works, you can't understand history," said Mr. Truett Thorn, one of the civics teachers.

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Required courses

Another social studies class required of students is American history, taught to juniors.

"Some students come into American history with the preconceived notion that it will be a boring subject . . . Enthusiasm and knowledge of the subject are the keys to making a content subject like history interesting to the students," explained Mr. James Warner.

Limited to seniors, the half-credit American free enterprise helps students as individuals to participate more efficiently and effectively in the American free enterprise system. "A basic understanding of how our development as producers, consumers, and citizens," said Mrs. Helen Newsom.

Enrollment in the physical education class beyond the required second credit has declined in the last few years, with the reasons varying with the student, noted Mrs. Loretta Ashbrook, guidance counselor.

"P.E. has never been one of my favorite subjects. The two things I dread the most are dressing out and carrying my P.E. clothes back and forth. Once I get dressed out, I enjoy playing the games," commented sophomore Jeanne Rogers.

Although enrollment has declined, P.E. continues to remain a favorite elective for juniors and seniors.

"We have a lot of activities, such as bowling, shuttleball, archery, and pingpong that keep P.E. enjoyable throughout the year," commented Coach Elvin Spears. "Some people have talked about making P.E. co-educational but I don't think anything will come of it. Most of the sports are too physical for young women and men to play together," he added.

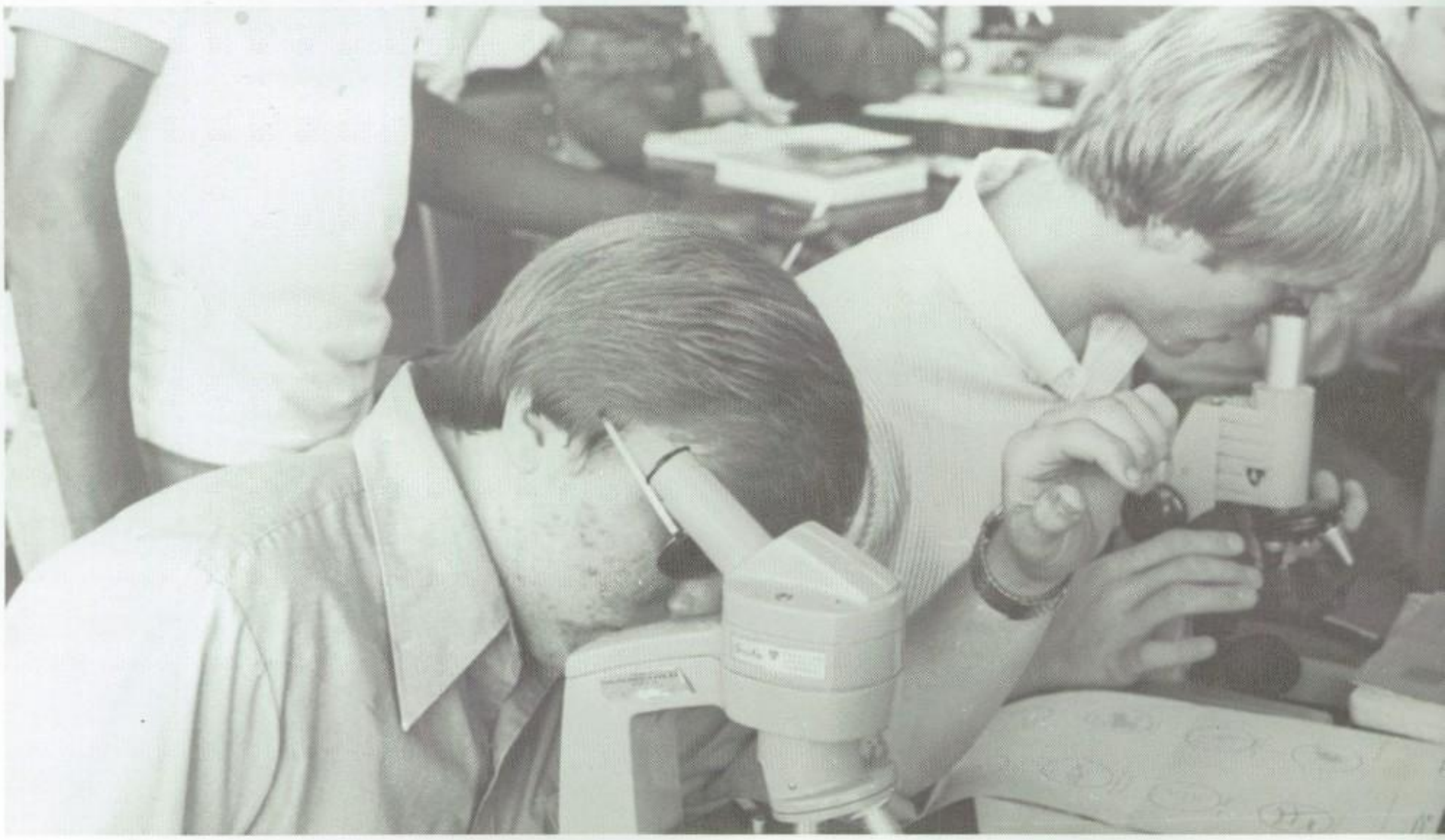
To help students fulfill the credit requirements, two courses of individualized education are available, with Mrs. Jeanne Pere and Mrs. Lahonda Littleton, each of whom is limited to 23 students.

"A great deal of the success of the program depends on coordinating the materials used in the regular classes with those used in the resource room," explained Mrs. Pere.

"Any student who is having learning difficulties can benefit by having basic skills reinforced and new material presented on an attainable level over as long a period of time as needed," added Mrs. Littleton.

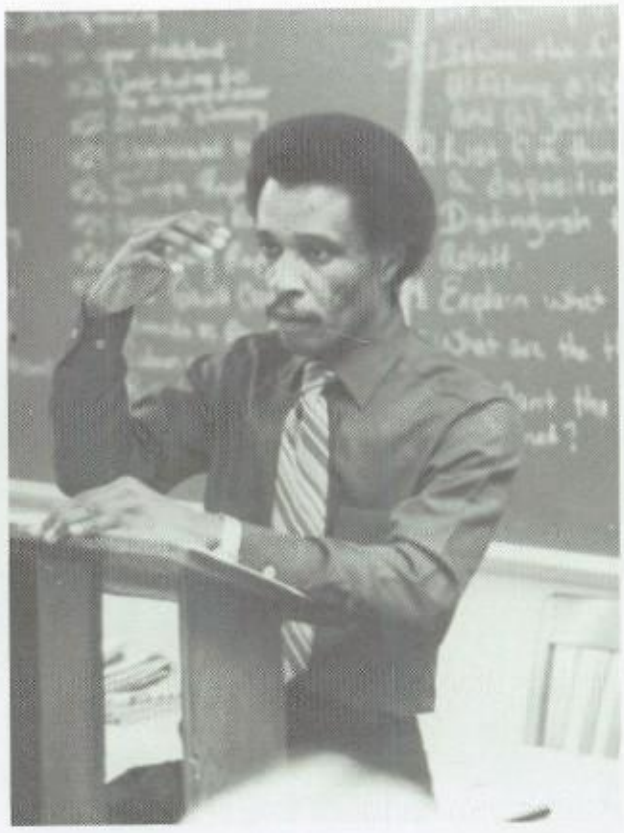
LOOK CAREFULLY — Troy Littleton and Steve Crawford examine micro-organisms from prepared slides during a lab in biology, a science required of sophomores.

EXPLANATION — André Rayford listens as American history teacher and coach Mr. Bill Buckner goes over a paper.



LAB WORK — Juniors Wendy Kapp and Melanie Repond use protective clothing as they conduct their lab experiment during chemistry.

GOVE! NMENT STUDY — Mr. James Aubrey emphasize; a function of the various branches in government to his civics class.



RE-INFORCEMENT — To assist students who need additional work in mastering some skills, Mrs. Lahonda Littleton works with math problems.

BRIEF VISIT — On her way to her room, Mrs. Helen Newsom, AFE teacher and social studies chairman, relates an incident to Mrs. Miriam Counts, secretary to the principal.

Training skills prepare students for the

Working World

From training skills needed for entry level positions in business fields to personal use in typing and bookkeeping, students have enrolled in business courses for a variety of reasons.

"Taking business courses prepares us for jobs in the future and the changing world," commented senior Dana Neeley.

Her idea was echoed by junior Josie Horvath, who enrolled in word processing after having completed the typing requirement. "It (word processing) is something in the future that will be paying well. Businesses will replace secretaries with word processers," she explained.

For shorthand student Brenda Fulford, daily practice is essential. "I practice words and letters at the ends of the chapters over and over until I gain the speed I want," she explained.

New to the business department was a course in business English taught by Mrs. Johnnie Queen. "Business needs people who can speak and write correct English. Business also needs people who can express themselves in a few words and yet communicate effectively. It is a subject that tries to teach how to speak, write, and communicate effectively," she said.

Complementing the classes is the work program in COE, which enables students to attend classes and work under supervision for three hours daily.

In the Distributive Education classes, students also attend classes and work a portion of the day, once they are accepted into the DE III training class. When Wal-Mart's opened in November, several of the DE students had a chance to experience the first-day rush as part of their jobs.

Trade school and graphic arts classes further expanded a student's training skills by permitting students to attend regular classes as well as the vocationally oriented classes.

"We print teachers' roll books, teachers' daily planners, test guides, student test booklets, and other items that deal with Ouachita Parish schools", commented Linda Crawford, senior.

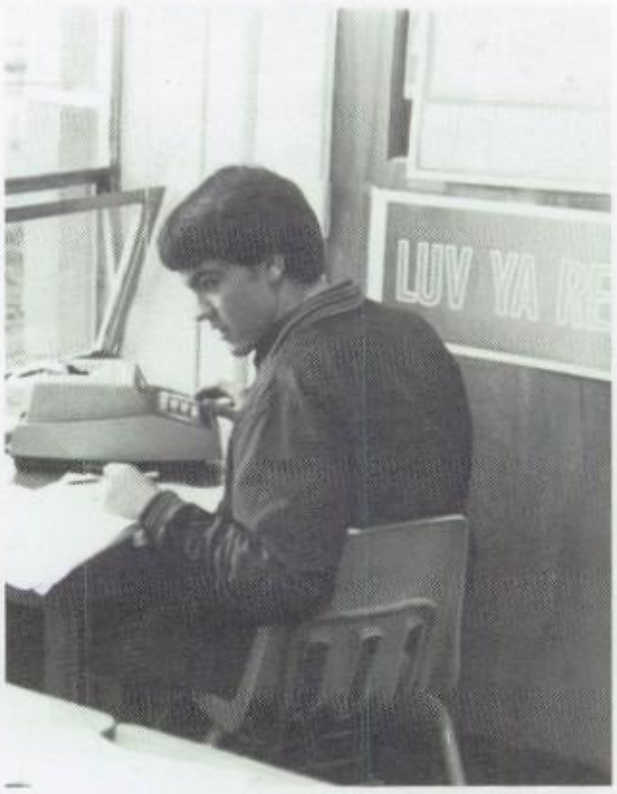
RECORDING TIME-Student teacher, Mr. Larry Prevost demonstrates to Darrell Traweek how to record items in his ledger book during Mrs. Calhoun's bookkeeping class.

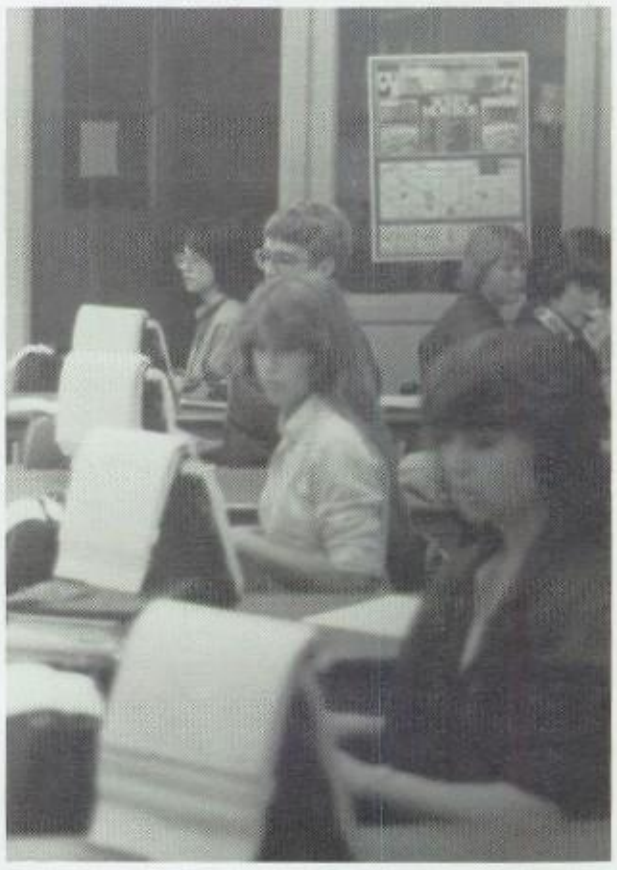
NEGATIVE CHECK- Two of the four graphic arts students for WMHS, Robert Simonton and Linda Crawford inspect a negative before preparing a printing plate.

STORE ACCOUNTS — Mrs. Mary Coleman checks with stockholders in her DE class about expenditures for the school store.

ON DISPLAY — Account executige Mr. Stanley Irby demonstrates a CPT word processing machine to students in Mrs. Laverne Williams' class.

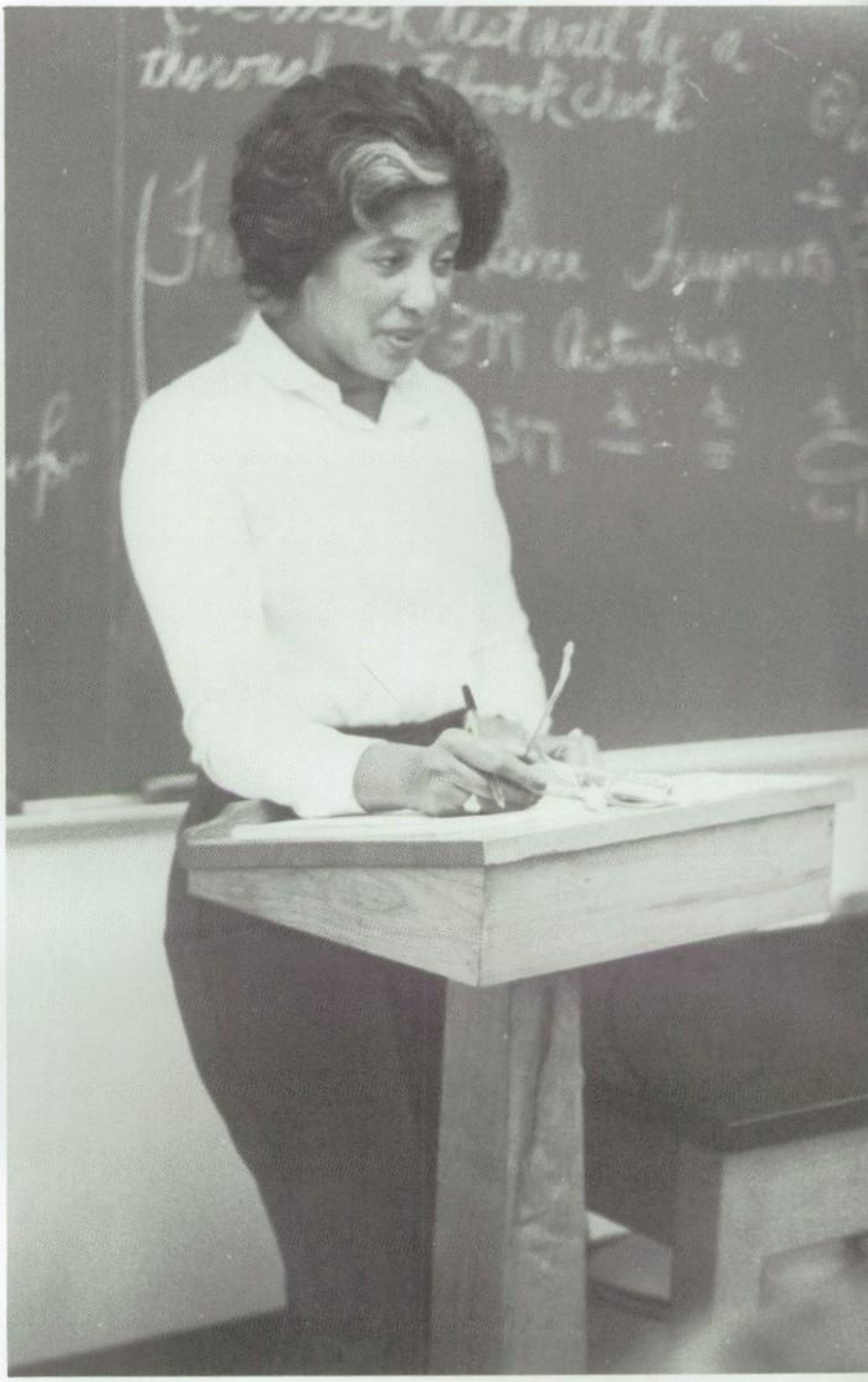
MACHINE ASSISTANCE — With the help of an adding machine, Darrel Evans works to solve a problem during bookkeeping class fifth period.



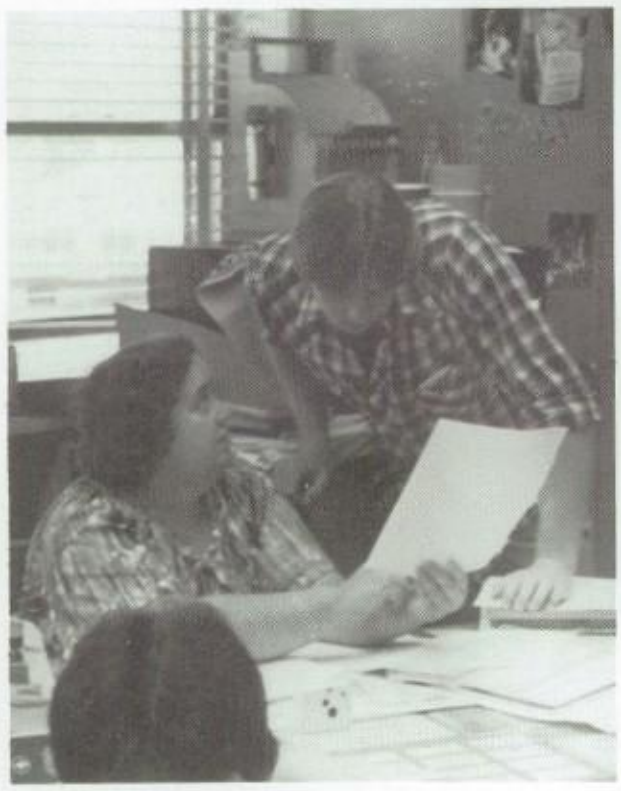


READY, SET, GO — Tammy Carter and Sue Ann Crawford ready themselves for a drill in Typing I for Mrs. Jerridine Hester Woods' fourth period class.

COMMUNICATING SKILLS — New to the teaching of speech, Ms. Betty Foster reviews some of the fundamentals in oral interpretation to her speech students.



LAST MINUTE REVIEW — Richard Taylor rehearses his lines before making an oral presentation in Mrs. Linda Townsend's Speech II class.



POINTS TO REMEMBER — After his speech, Austin Beckley goes over his critique with Mrs. Townsend.

HAPPY DAY — As he leaves class, Brian Creery extends a good wish for the remainder of the day to Mrs. Wanda Gates, foreign language teacher.

HELPING HAND — Junior Scott Foust collects subscription envelopes during first period while Mrs. Carroll conducts class.

COMPUTER FUN — To help students have the "perfect" date, j-students conducted a computer dating poll, as junior Stephen Jennings helps Rhonda Murphy complete the questionnaire.

VISITING FRIENDS —Before the tardy bell, DeeDee McClendon, Mike Aldridge, Gary Aldridge, and Robert Emory enjoy a brief visit.

Verbal and non-verbal skills make

Communication Essential

"Communication is the heart of everything we do; it is essential," said speech teacher Mrs. Shirley Fields.

Even without a separate communication arts department, several classes and several teachers were involved in the development of communication, both written and verbal as enrollments in speech and journalism increased.

"To develop skills that are used in other subjects and to use these skills," responded Mrs. Fields about the value of speech classes.

"It (speech) is a learning experience, to stand up and talk in front of others," commented sophomore Jamette Barnard.

Speech I students were introduced to the verbal and non-verbal communication, as well as to basic debate and drama. In the advanced courses, students could select in-depth debate or in-depth drama.

Written communication was stressed in journalism classes, as students wrote for both the Rebel Dispatch and Rebelaire. Feature writing, advertising copy, and editorial writing offered the creative students a chance to excel in their writing.

Exploring the worlds of both print and broadcast media, students in both journalism classes had a three-week unit during which time they worked as an advertising agency, developing a product and promoting it through a radio and television commercial and newspaper and magazine ads. Teaching the j-classes was Mrs. Hope Carroll.

Also helping students to communicate, but in a different languae were Spanish and French classes, both of which were taught by Mrs. Wanda Gates, who also taught English III.

"I enjoy foreign language very much," commented junior Brian Johnson, who has studied Spanish and enrolled in French this year.

In addition to perfection of the spoken and written languages, Mrs. Gates also included units on the culture of the countries where each language is spoken.

ARTISTIC TALENTS — Art students Tracy Hilburn, Dana Neeley, and Danelle Deason gather materials in preparation to "hands on" activities.

LENDING AN EAR — In her home economics classes, Mrs. Nadine Miller listens to the question posed by one of her students concerning a project.

Some classes require from students

Hands On Activity

Now here are subjects you can really get your hands on! For years students have been getting their hands on, and in, projects in art and home economics.

Lending a hand in art class is not difficult when your hands, along with your mind, are the most important parts of your body, according to Mrs. Mary Moore, who is teaching all the art classes this since Mrs. Paula Adams is on sabbatical leave.

Mind-to-hand coordination is a necessity for any successful artist, she noted.

Talents of the art students are sought after by community members as well as faculty members. Art student Libby Hill designed and drew the program cover for the homecoming assembly, and art students followed the advice of both Mrs. Moore and Ms. Jaye Beetem in designing and constructing the space ship used in the assembly.

"Art is fun because I love to draw," commented Art II student Cyndy Jones. "I like calligraphy and oil painting."

Four-year art student John Martin plans to continue his art work in college. "Sketching animals" has been his favorite art project, although he has enjoyed water colors and "looks forward to oil painting and acrylics" in the second semester.

Getting their hands on the sewing machines, and learning to cook, home ec students can see the results of their work immediately, as some projects are frequently displayed in the main lobby windows.

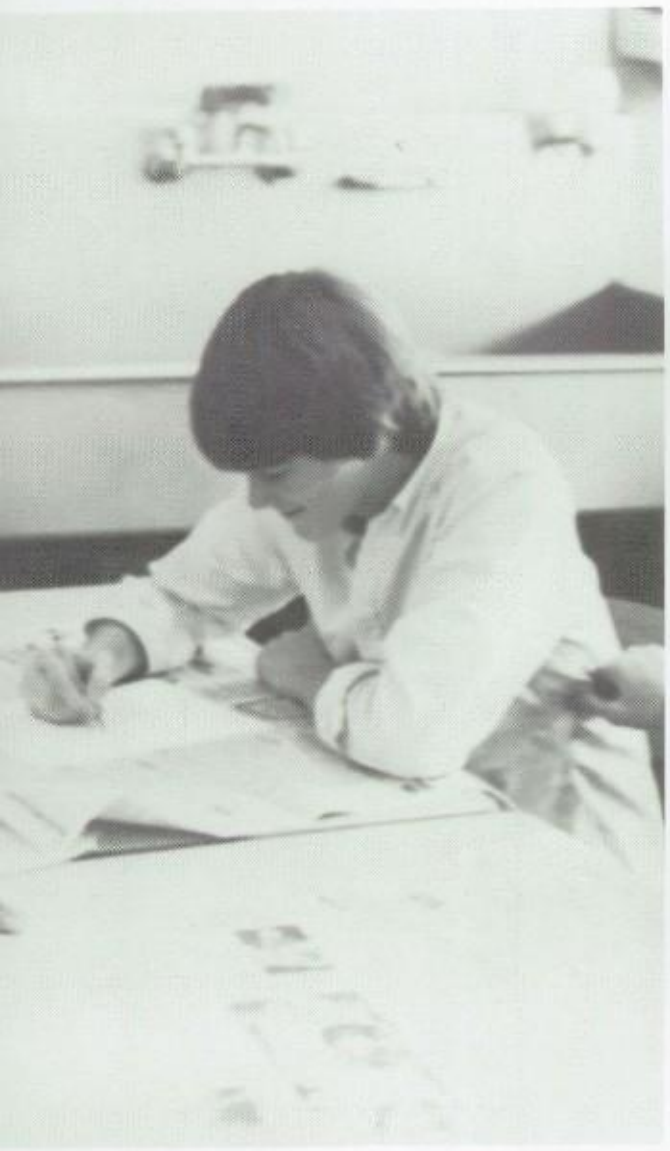
Taught by Mrs. Sammie Saulsbury, Mrs. Nadine Miller, and Mrs. Margueritte Anderson, home ec students learn to design projects to be used in routine living. Home Ec I students spent the second nine weeks concentrating on sewing and needlecraft, while the third nine centered on cooking.

"It seems that in between the boys' wanting to take a sewing machine apart and their being fascinated by what is inside, they actually learn something about the technique itself, better than some of the girls," said Mrs. Saulsbury.

"I think home and family living is great for life. It prepares you for the things you do in everyday life, for instance, sewing," explained Garland Bowers, senior.

"You learn a lot about family life," according to senior Randy Braddock.

IS IT DONE — In a hands on activity, Sharon Straughter carefully checks the pan to determine the remaining cooking time for her meal.



DEPTH OF FIELD — In sketching his assigned object, Kevin Rea uses his knowledge of perspective.

CARING IS SHARING — Home ec students and members of FHS Sharon Lindsey, Diana Thomas, Wynn Huff, Tammy Evans, and Susan Carroll divide fruit into boxes to take to the WM Guest House at Thanksgiving.

WORKING TOWARD COMPLETION — When Scott Cupit completed his sweatshirt, it was one the projects displayed in the lobby windows.

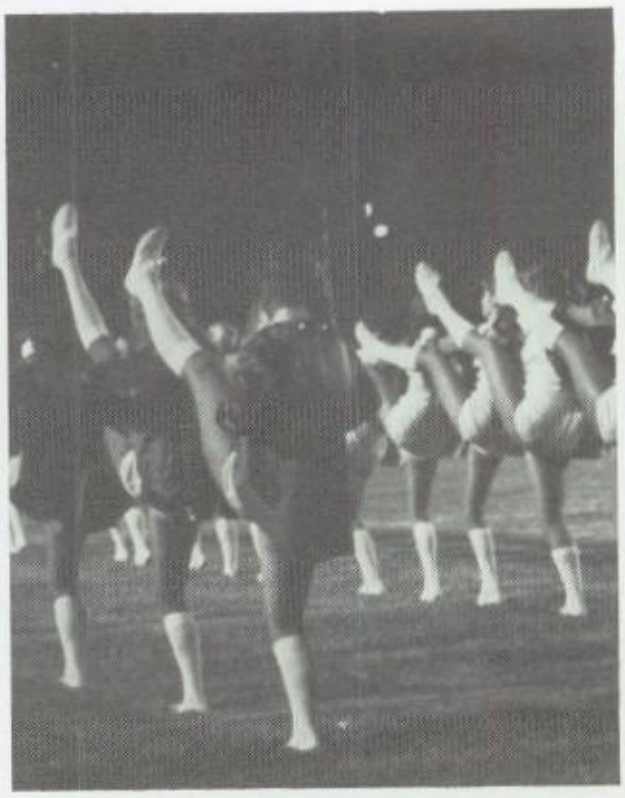
PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT - A daily drill is necessary for the ROTC team if they want to maintain perfection in marching.

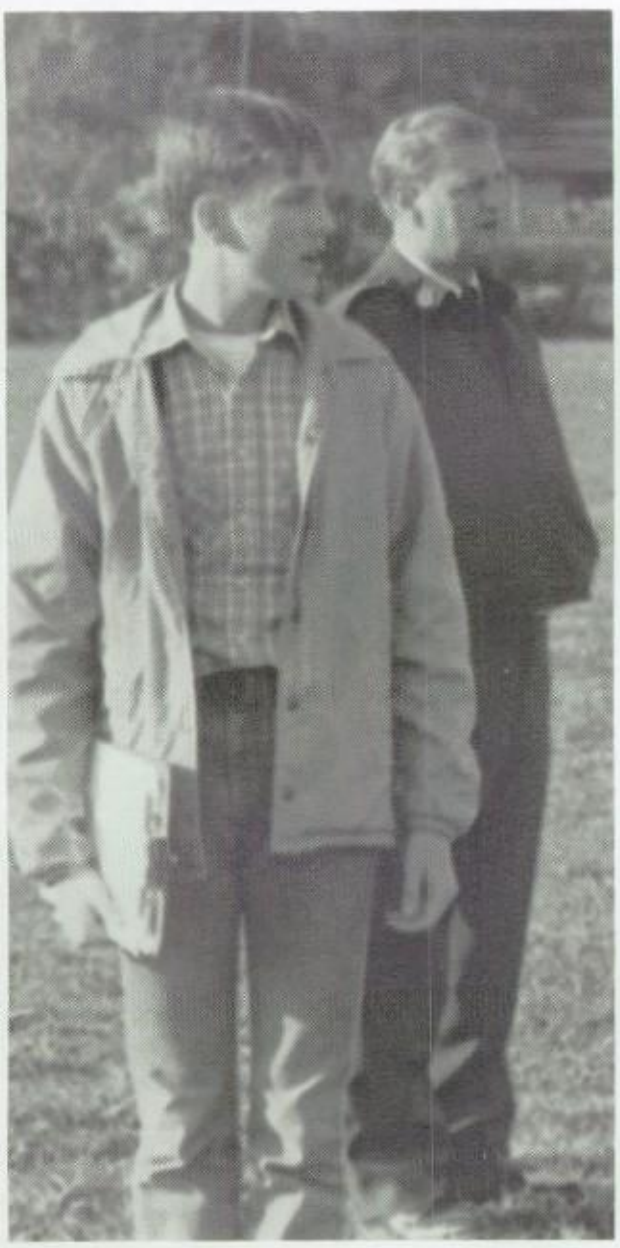
ALTERNATES - When the Raiders performed an alternating routine to the "Robert E. Lee" they demonstrated not only weekly drill but camp drill since they learned their dance at the Superstar camp.

SWEATING IT OUT - The day before the last pep rally the senior Raiders work with their instructor Debbie Bourg to learn a punk dance.

FIRE IT UP, BIG REBS - Behind the gym or in the street next to the field house, varsity cheerleaders Karen Henry, Karen Young, Susie Fuller, and Lisa Thrailkill rehearse their routine for pep rally.

PRACTICE PAYS OFF - Crowd applause during a high kick routine to "New York, New York" makes Raiders aware of their practice efforts.





ON REVIEW - Cadet 2nd Lt. Randall Thornton commands the drill team for ROTC as instructor Sgt. Carter observes the after-school practice.

For specialty teams

DAILY DRILL ISN'T DAILY DRAG

"Get in line!" shouts the leader as the daily drill begins after school. Members respond to the command and ready themselves to learn a new routine or perfect the one previously learned.

The object of these daily drills to performance, since ROTC, Rebel Raiders, and cheerleaders are highly visible components of WMHS. On the football field, in parades, at basketball games, and even at the Superdome, the performance of these groups results from their daily drills.

For the Raiders, practice means each day after school during football season, twice a day before camp, and daily in August. At the Superstar Drill Team camp in Hammond, Raiders learned 30 dances, won the spirit award, sweepstakes award, and were recognized for being superior in home routine.

Raiders "brighten up the children less fortunate than we" commented Leslie Cook and Dorothy Brakefield following their performance at the cerebral palsy school.

Cheerleaders, like Raiders, attended camp where they were awarded first place over-all, a ribbon for most spirited squad, super-squad ribbon, and first in pompon. The JV squad won first in their division, most spirited squad, super squad ribbon at camp, before going on to win first in their division in Twin City Mall competition.

According to Alisa Thurmon, the reason for the daily practice was "to prepare for all our activities, paint signs, and try to perfect our cheers."

ROTC cadets represented WMHS at Barksdale AF Base during the summer. Seven of the 10 cadets received awards. In addition, 21 cadets participated in the annual Southern Orienteering meet in October at Camp Baureguard. Practice for cadets on the speciality teams (Color Guard and Drill Team) involved two hours, three days a week.

"Marching is individual rather than a group activity. If each individual concentrates on what he is doing, then the group as a whole will look good It's the same thing with the Raiders and cheerleaders," explained Sgt. Billy Carter, cadet instructor.

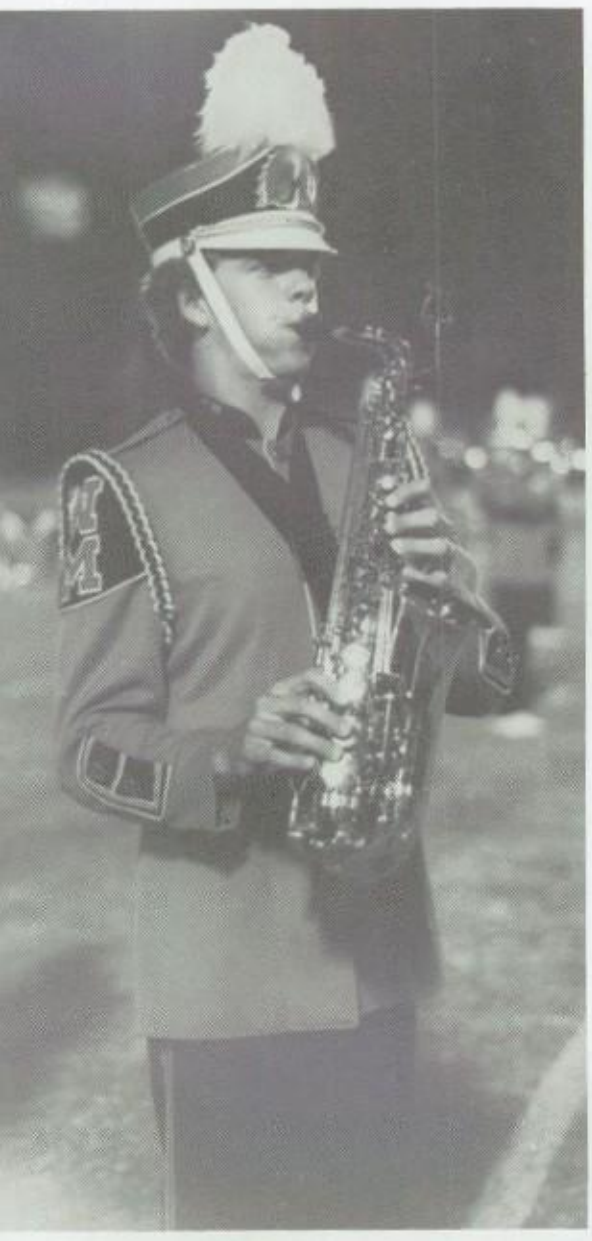
FOLLOWING THEIR LEADER — As a group during third period, members of Rebel choir respond to directions by Mrs. Pat Payne prior to their Biloxi concenrt, where they were sweepstakes winners.

CROWD PLEASERS — Under the lights of the newly painted water tower, flag corps and Rebel Band members perform during the Neville-WM halftime.

APPRECIATING MUSIC — In their music appreciation class Dianne Boatner, John Perkins, and Lorana Bates are among students practicing "A Love Song."

SALUTE — Drum major Mike Lawrence leads one section of the band as the other drum major Brad Fordham directs from the podium during a halftime show.

OUNDS OF SUCCESS — During a half-time performance at a home game, junior Scott Edwards successfully completes the song he's practiced when the woodwind section met.



Work and practice keep musicians

AT THE TOP

Four times a day, Dr. Mike Spears conducts a mini-orchestra.

Although it may seem hard to work with a single section or the band, when fifth period comes and all sections are together, a full-scale orchestration takes place.

Unlike the choir, which practices all together all the time, the band must learn individual talents, then bring them all together and be expected to perform excellently.

Woodwinds are softer sounding, and, therefore, practice for good tone and a fuller sound. The brass, which are much louder, practice to reduce the loudness and avoid overcoming the woodwind, but still be able to deliver a strong and forceful sound.

When the A band comes together, they work on their marching as well as their playing. The B band works strictly on their playing to prepare for the concert season.

The Rebel Choir, directed by Mrs. Pat Payne, performed its first concert in November at a Biloxi, Miss., festival.

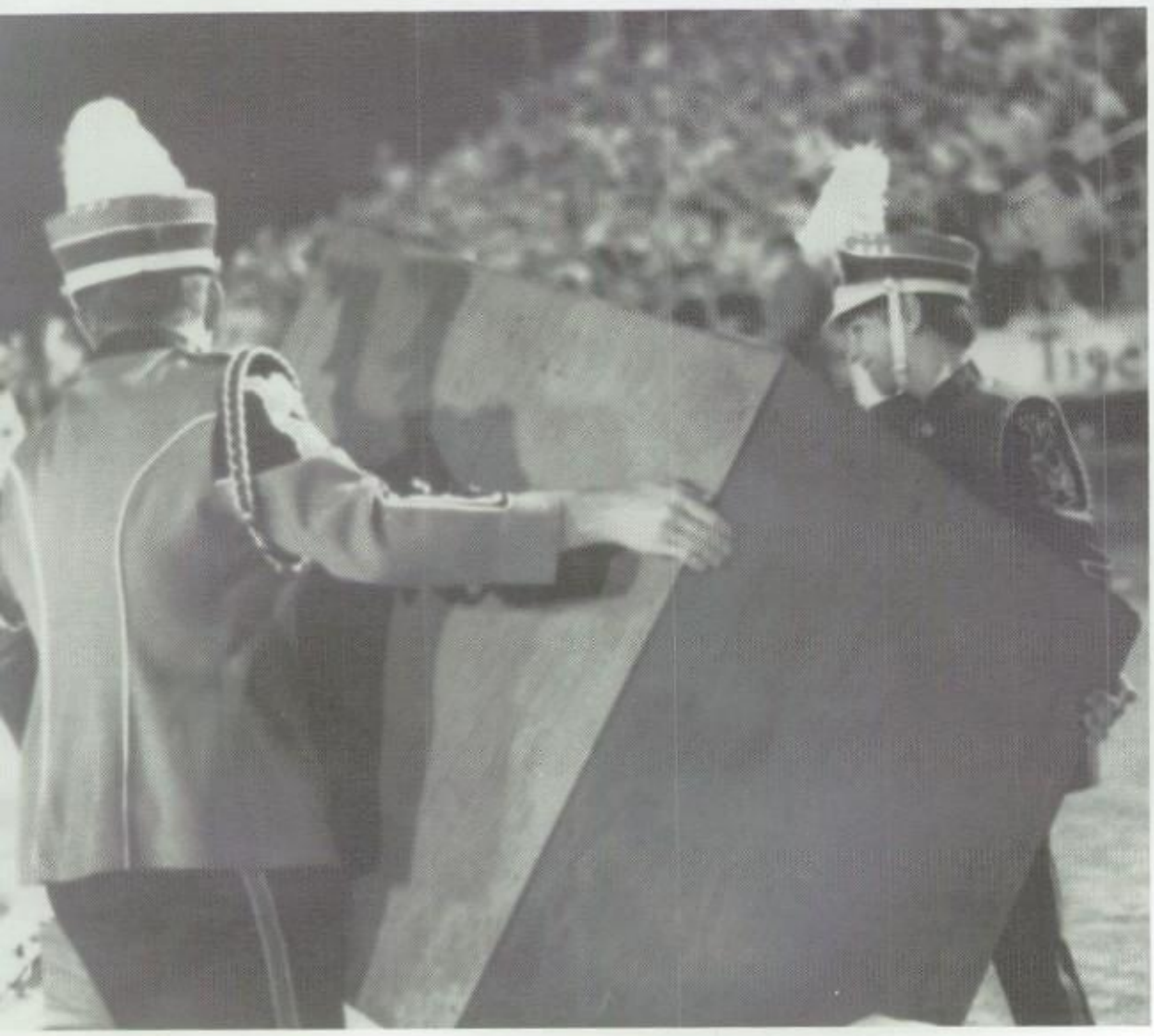
Able to bring its excellence together at once, the choir has the advantage of hearing itself from the first.

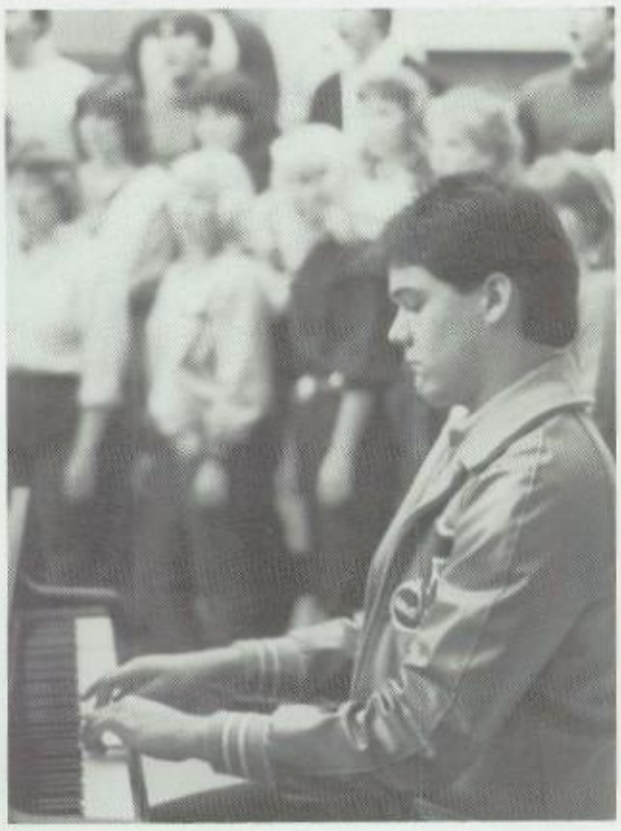
Both musical group have earned top ratings in district and state festivals, continuing to bring recognition to the young musicians.

"I have B choir during second," stated Mrs. Payne, "My main interest with B choir is to prepare them for A choir next year."

Rebel choir, or A Choir, is a more select group than B choir. "At the end of the year I usually select the members for ensemble for the following year. I have in the past added a few students to the ensemble at the beginning of the next year," added Mrs. Payne.

Mrs. Payne teaches two music appreciation classes. She said that they study and listen to music, and even "sing a little." Mrs. Payne holds her music appreciation class in the theory room this year. "Next year I would like to offer guitar lessons during music appreciation," stated Mrs. Payne. Since choir is an organization, members have to raise money and have done so by holding dances in the band room. "We have some kind of musical activity every month," noted Mrs. Payne.





SETTING THE STAGE — Band members position the podium for drum majors Mike Lawrence and Brad Fordham to direct the sounds of Rebel Band at half-time.

PRE-CONCERT — As the choir rehearses for a Biloxi, Miss., concert in early November, choir accompanist Randy Heisler concentrates on his music.

Teachers compare school in 1953 and again

30 YEARS LATER

When WMHS opened its doors 30 years ago, 58 teachers were on the staff. Four of those teachers working at WMHS today recall a feeling of excitement and adventure as they taught in a new facility.

Although many things have changed since then, these teachers experience a similar excitement today, according to Mrs. Laverne Williams, Coach Dan McClure, Mrs. Jean Halsell, and Mrs. LaVon Oglesbee.

"That first year was special. The entire faculty met in room 109 for the faculty meetings," recalled Mrs. Williams.

"I have had to change my teaching to go along with the times," she noted, in describing the 30 years since then.

Mrs. Williams said she feels that the students today are more outspoken, express their opinion more, and question authority. "They want to know 'why' for certain answers," she said.

"I live to teach. As long as I get excited about teaching in the fall during the summer, I will be teaching," she said. "I love to teach young people to see them mature and advance in their learning."

Coach McClure, who has had other teaching assignments in the 30 years, noted that he "gets great satisfaction" when he sees a former student becoming a leader in the community.

"I'm teaching students whose parents I also taught," he said.

He said that he believes students in 1953 studied harder simply because they had less extracurricular activities.

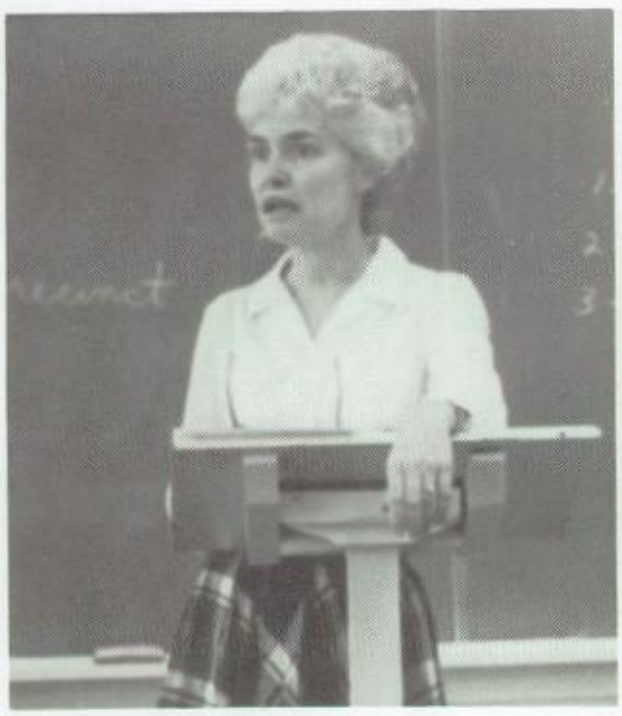
"The students back then were better in fundamentals. This doesn't mean that a student today couldn't make it with those of the past; they will just have to learn to discipline themselves," commented the coach, who teaches math and coaches baseball and JV football.

The day doesn't "start art at eight and end at three," he added. "You have to keep your door open 24 hours to help students who may need help or advice."

According to the coach, the PIPs courses are a good idea because they help teachers change with the times. He teaches because he "enjoys it."

What would Coach McClure do if teaching was not enjoyable? "I would simply quit," he responded.

These, like other, teachers have found satisfaction in teaching young people. They have hobbies, such as gardening and traveling, but their main concern is teaching, as the four represent a century or more of effective teaching.



BACK AT HOME — After a two-year assignment at the school board office to develop social studies proficiency tests, Mrs. Jean Halsell has returned to the classroom, where she teaches American history and speech.

TYPING TECHNIQUE — As a business teacher, Mrs. Laverne Williams prepares a display board to illustrate techniques for typing a title.

Jan- It has been a pleasure having you as a typing student this year. Please keep in touch Love Mrs. L. Williams

Mrs. Mary Johnson; Math II; B.S., M.S., +30, Tech; Octagon Club Sponsor.
Mrs. Jane Johnston; Advance Math, Alg. II; B.S., Tech, M. Ed., plus 30, NLU
Mrs. Ida King; Geometry; B.S., Southern Univ., Master's plus 30, NLU
Coach Andy Long; Amer. Free Enterprise, football; B.S. Henderson State Univ.; FCA sponsor; head football coach and athletic director
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Mrs. Billie Singleton; Alg. I and II; B.S., Univ. of Southern Miss.
Mrs. Bettie Smith; Typ. I, Bus. Law; B.S., Miss. Valley State Univ., Master's plus 30, NLU

Mrs. Mabel Teddlie School Bookeeper
Mrs. Linda Townsend; Speech I, II, III; B.A., M.A., NLU; Thespian sponsor, director of fall play, homecoming
Mrs. LaVerne Williams; Word Processing, Shorthand I, Typ. I; B.S., Tech, M.Ed. plus 30, NLU
Mrs. Reba Williams; Alg. I and II; B.S., Univ. Southern Miss., M.S. East Texas State Univ.; Rebelette, Anchor Club sponsor
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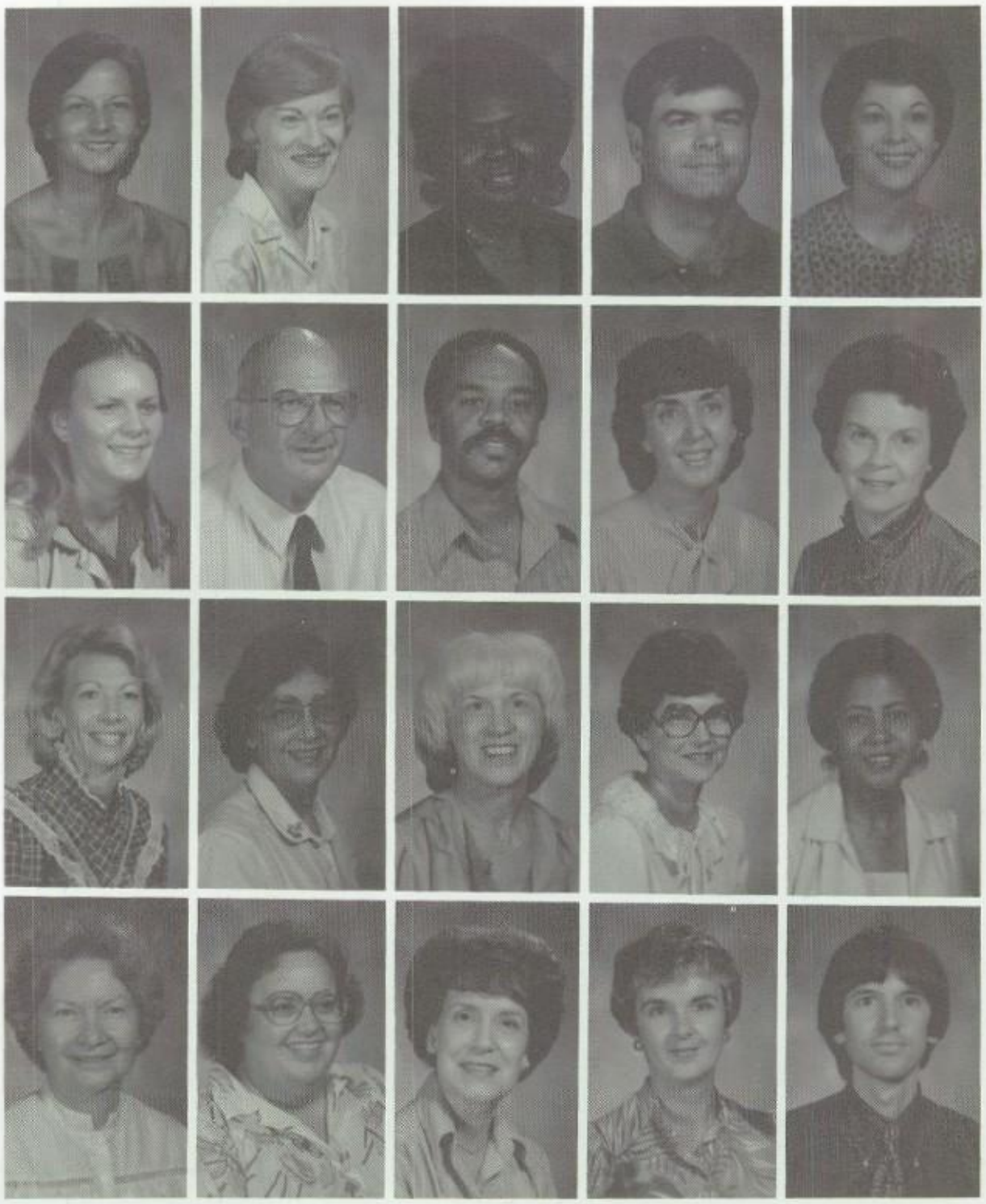


WELL-DESERVED BREAK — Like many teachers, Mrs. Billie Singleton grades her math papers in the lounge during her planning period.

In academic progression

TEACHERS BECOME STUDENTS

Student and teacher are dual roles for many faculty members here as they are participate in the state Professional Improvement Program (PIPs) by taking classes at state universities.

One evening class at NLU had a high concentration of WMHS teachers, including Mr. James Aubry, Mr. Carl Richardson, Mrs. Linda Townsend, Mrs. Hope Carroll, Mr. Gene Williams, Mr. Willie Isby, Mr. Johnny Nash, Coach Dan McClure, and Coach Sidney Smith. Many of these teachers worked on the same committee groups, and being at the school facilitated their efforts.

Other teachers have taken classes during the summer and schedule workshops, also a necessity for PIPs during the school year.

The majority of faculty members earned a degree from a Louisiana university, with most from NLU and Tech. However, several studied and earned degrees from Southern and Grambling. Two teachers, Mrs. Reba Williams and Mrs. Carroll, and principal Cecil Pirkey earned advanced degrees from East Texas State University in Commerce.

One teacher, Dr. Michael Spears, has earned the doctorate, while several others are working on hours beyond their masters' degrees.

In any time that is considered "free" teachers have varied interests. Reading is rated as the number one hobby. "I enjoy reading critical biographies," commented Mrs. Jeanne Pere, special ed teacher.

Speech teacher Mrs. Shirley Fields works with the drama ministry at Victory Fellowship Church. "I plan to begin work in child abuse awareness program from Children's Village U.S.A.," she added.

Mr. Nash enjoys working in architectural planning and landscaping in his off-hours, while Coach Mike Reed takes his work home with him when he enjoys his hobby of power-lifting.

"I enjoy providing a home that my boys and all their friends enjoy," commented Mrs. Mary Ford.

Mrs. LaJo Long may have summed up others' ideas of free time when she commented that after her boys were in bed, "I'd rather watch TV."

DIRECTING TRAFFIC in her spare time Mrs. Linda Luttrell helps spectators get to their seats at a home football game.

Mrs. Camille Adair; Eng. IIB; B.A., M.A., NLU;
Mrs. Marquerrite Anderson; Home Ec I and II; B.S., Southern Univer.
Mrs. Julia Becton; English III A, B: B.A., M.A., NLU
Mrs. Bonnie Bennett; Typing I, Bus., mach., data processing; M.A. plus 30, NLU
Mrs. Juanita Burk; English II, III; B.A., M.A., East Central Univ.

Mrs. JoAnn Calhoun, Bookkeeping I, II, Typing I; B.S., M. Ed., NLU; plus 30, Tech; FBLA sponsor
Mrs. Linda Causey, English IIIB; B.S., M.S., Tech
Mrs. Mary Coleman; Co-op Dist. Ed. I, II; B.S., M. Ed., NSU; DECA
Mrs. Marian Colvin; Biology, Gen. Science; B.S., LSU, M. Ed. and plus 30, NLU
Mrs. Jeannette Cook; American History; B.S., NLU; Raider and Rebelette sponsor

Mrs. Mariam Counts, principal's secretary
Mr. Arnor Ford; Chem., Bio.; B.S. Southern, M.S., NSU
Ms. Betty Foster; Engl. II, Speech I; B.S., Grambling
Mrs. Wanda Gates; Span. I, French I, Eng. IIIA; B.A., NSU; Foreign Language Club sponsor
Mrs. Jean Halsell; American History, Speech I; B.A., NSU, M.A., NLU

TEACHERS AS STUDENTS - Mr. Johnny Nash, Mr. Gene Williams, and Coach Dan McClure discuss their semester projects for their utilization of educational media at NLU.

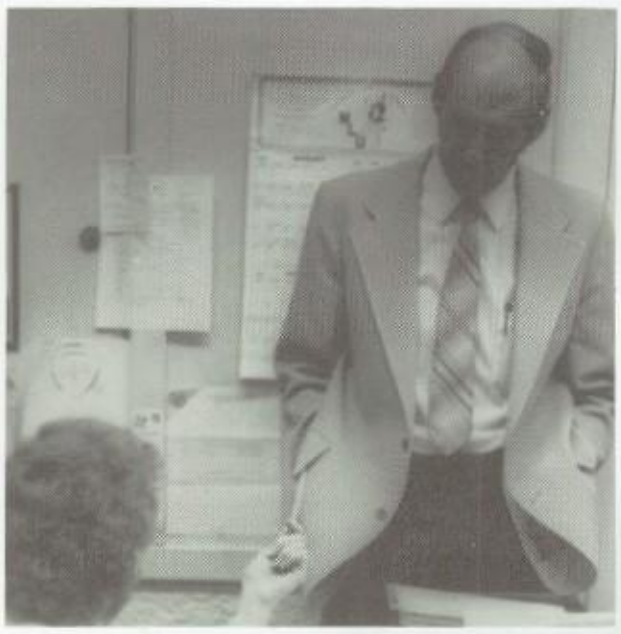
HAPPY BIRTHDAY - Mr. Cecil Pirkey receives a birthday present from the office personnel as the choir sings happy birthday to him.

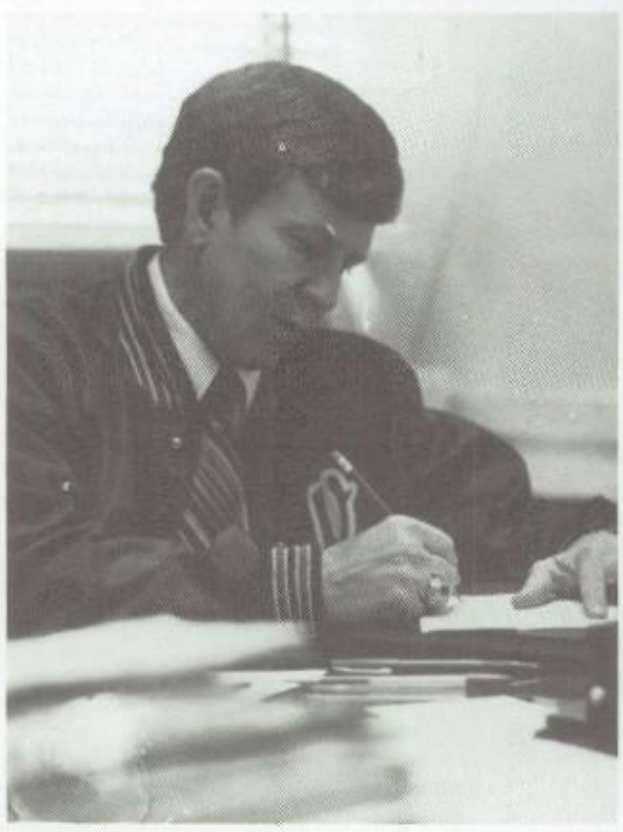
UTILIZING TIME - During concession break Mrs. Barbara Pierce looks over her Bookkeeping I assignments.

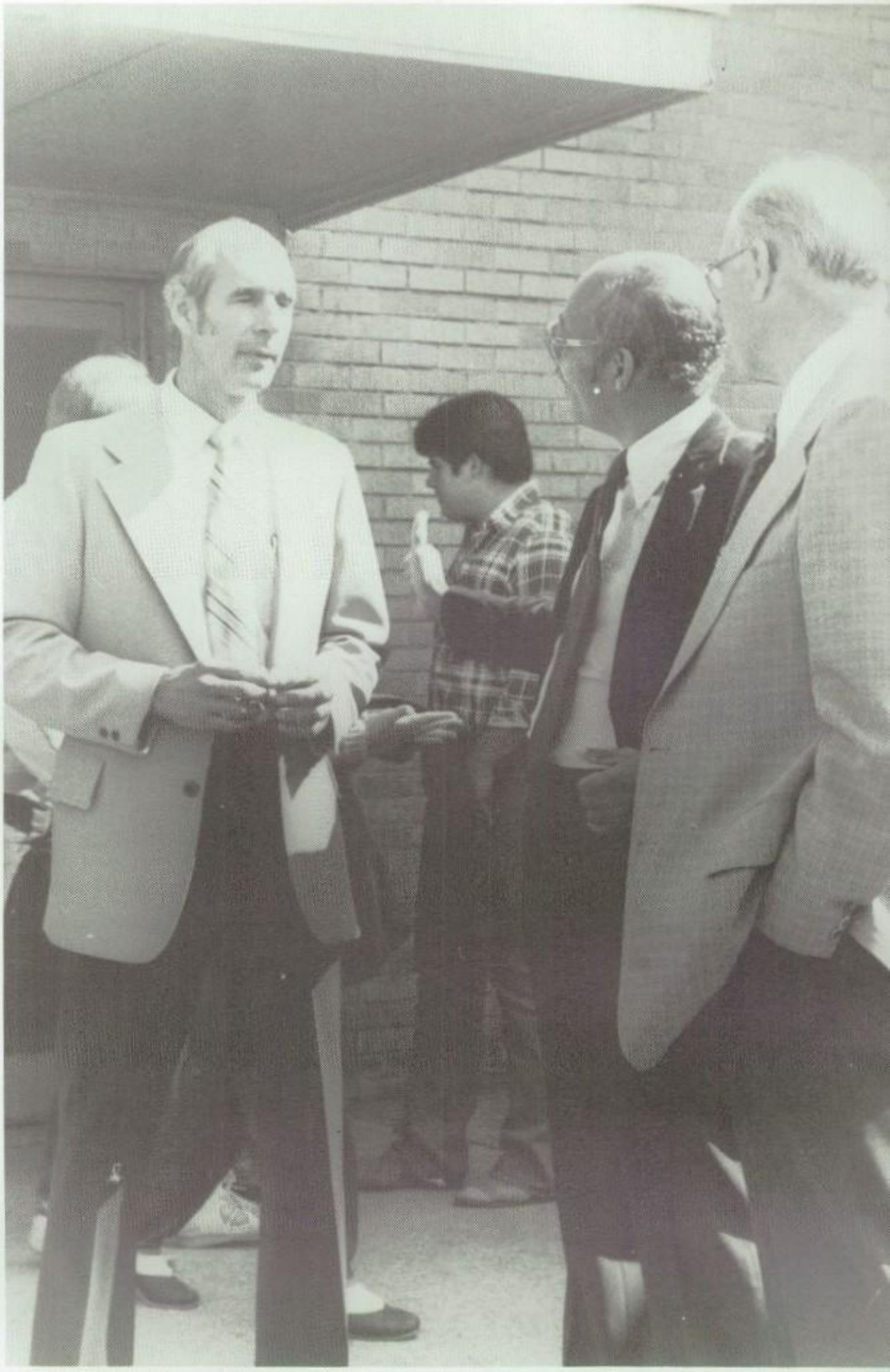
VISIBILITY Mr. Cecil Pirkey, principal; Mr. Walter Allen, and Mr. Ken Bates, assistant principals, are visible during lunch/concession break to answer students' questions.

EVERYDAY PROBLEMS Mr. Ken Bates, assistant principal, and Mrs. Loretta Ashbrook, counselor, often discuss problems that students are faced with everyday.

DAY TO-DAY Mr. Ford, assistant principal, works hard to keep things running smoothly in the daily operations at WMHS.







Mr. Walter Allen, assistant principal, B.A., Southern University; M.A., NLU enjoys fishing, carpentry, and gardening.

Mr. Ken Bates, assistant principal, B.S., M.A., La. Tech.; +30, La. Tech and NLU enjoys fishing, jogging, sports=related activities.

Mr. Gene Ford, assistant principal B.A., M.Ed., NLU enjoys jogging, hunting, and fishing.

Mr. Cecil Pirkey, principal B.S., +30, East Texas State University enjoys golf.

Administrators, counselors, librarians

Aid in educational process of 1,500 here

Having personal contact with the students and watching them develop during their three years at WMHS, the administrators, counselors, and librarians aid in the total educational process of the some 1,500 students here.

A former assistant principal and football coach, Mr. Cecil Pirkey returned as principal. Commenting on major differences this year as compared to last year, he noted that "mini-skirts have been banned."

The first month of school is the most difficult month for Assistant Principal Walter Allen, who handles attendance. "Sophomores have not learned the routine, and they get caught," he said, adding that the other significant problem is the day of the Neville game.

For Assistant Principal Ken Bates, the months of April and October are the worst in the area of discipline. Tardies and skipping classes are among the most common problems that he must handle.

In the first month of school, Mr. Gene Ford, assistant principal for scheduling, made "in the neighborhood of 300 schedule changes." From December to mid-January, additional changes for midterm fill his time.

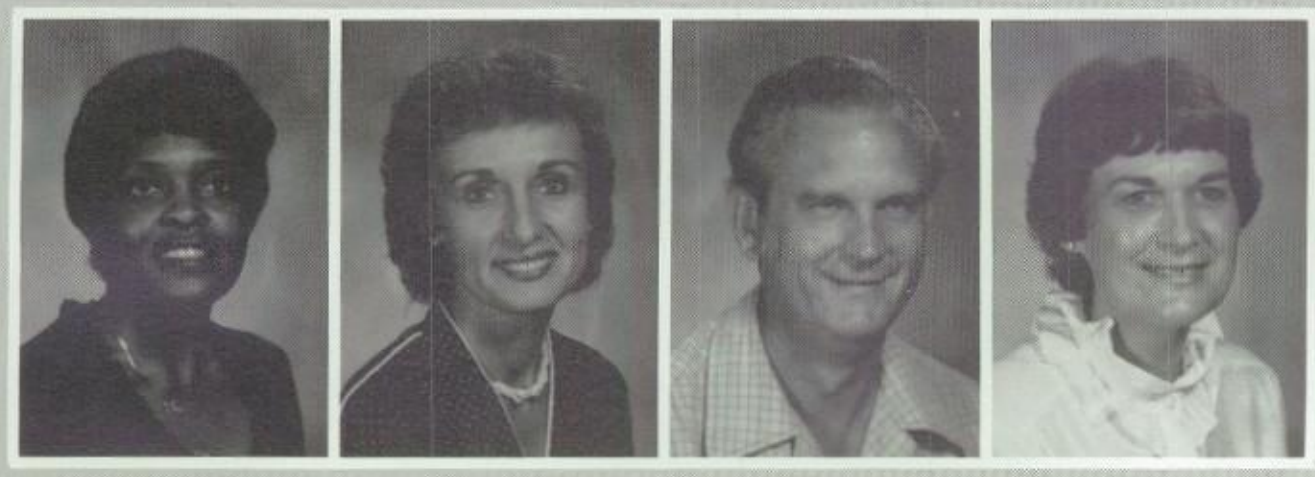
Across the hall in the guidance offices, individual conferences to discuss credits, college choices, and credits are scheduled by Mrs. Loretta Ashbrook, Mr. Mallory Banister, Mrs. Sarah Allen, and Mrs. Mary McCoy.

As test coordinator for WMHS, Mrs. Ashbrook administers state and national examinations. She is also sponsor for National Honor Society, while Mr. Banister sponsors Student Council.

Up the stairway from the main office are librarians Mrs. Jane Hobgood and Mrs. Shirley Rush, who assist teachers and students in "pulling" requested materials, ordering and cataloguing AV equipment, and checking out library books.

GUIDING THE SOPHOMORES Mrs. Sarah Allen, guidance counselor, checks over the endless array of sophomore records for the beginning of the year.

BOOKS, BOOKS, EVERYWHERE — When Mrs. Jane Hobgood was injured in the fall, Mrs. Shirley Rush carried out the tasks for both librarians, such as completing book orders.



Mrs. Sarah D. Allen, Guidance M. Ed., +30, Southern University, Baton Rouge; NLU.

Mrs. Loretta Ashbrook, Guidance Chairman B.A., Evangel College, Springfield, Mo.; M. Ed., University of Missouri Enjoys reading, sports, music, church; National Honor Society, and homecoming committee.

Mr. David Mallory Banister, Guidance B.A., NLU; M. Ed., Mississippi College Student Council.

Mrs. Mary McCoy, Guidance B.A., M.A. +30, La. Tech.

POINTING THE WAY — Giving students directions in the next step of their needlecraft projects, Mrs. Saulsbury points out what should be done next.

Home ec teacher shows she's **Definitely dedicated**

She's a great lady. She cares about this school. She spends a lot of time and energy trying to make this school a better place."

This description of Mrs. Sammie Saulsbury by Interact Club president Jay Mitchell adequately summarizes the feelings Mrs. Saulsbury, home ec teacher, has exhibited during her career here. Having received her bachelor of science degree at Texas Tech, Mrs. Saulsbury earned her master of arts degree from St. Xavier College, and her plus 30 from Texas Tech. She is currently enrolled in post-graduate studies at NLU, working on certification in counseling. She is also certified to teach English, and has previously taught sophomore English at WMHS.

As sponsor of Interact, she has helped to improve the physical appearance of the school campus. Dedicated to improving the school's appearance, she was instrumental in encouraging Interact Club members to help pay for the shrubbery around the campus and for the additional sidewalks.

Dealing with homecoming activities in the fall is one of her jobs as chairman of the homecoming settering committee. She is also chairman of the prom committee, which activates her spring months as well.

Not only does Mrs. Saulsbury stay active in school activities but also in community and professional organizations as well. As a member of Delta Kappa Gamma teachers' sorority, she serves as her chapter president. And as a member of the Little Theatre, she is actively engaged in securing new memberships and working to promote community events.

Her pleasure in home economics spills over into her personal life as she enjoys needlework, gourmet cooking, and ceramics in what spare time she has, if she's not on the golf course.

Friendly, helpful, energetic, and caring, Mrs. Saulsbury is one of the reasons why WMHS is proud to be Distinguished by the Gray.

WORK THIS WAY — Available to answer student questions, Mrs. Saulsbury shows Jerry Brasher how to turn his material.

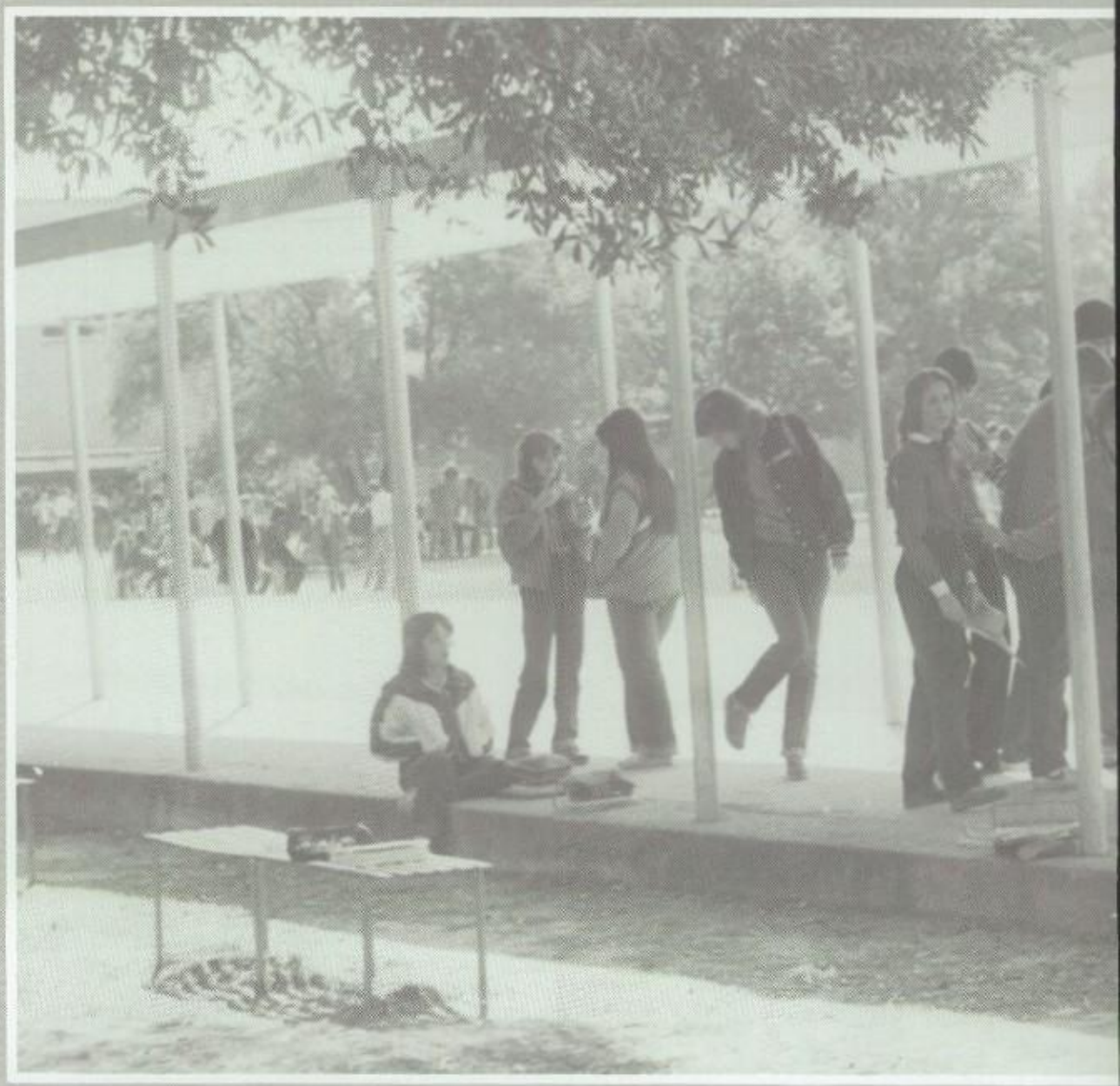
CHANGING WITH THE SEASONS — To convert her bulletin board from Thanksgiving to a Christmas motive, Mrs. Saulsbury first sketches the plan on paper.

MULTIPLE TALENTS —Not only is she a technician to work with the equipment, Mrs. Saulsbury demonstrates use of each piece of equipment, including the sewing machines.

LOOKING OVER HIS SHOULDER — As a home economics teacher, Mrs. Sammie Saulsbury assists students such as Austin Beckley going over an assignment.

FACES

In its first year, WMHS had 1,394 students in grades 8 through 12. Thirty years later, WMHS had 1,538 students in grades 10 through 12. In the interim



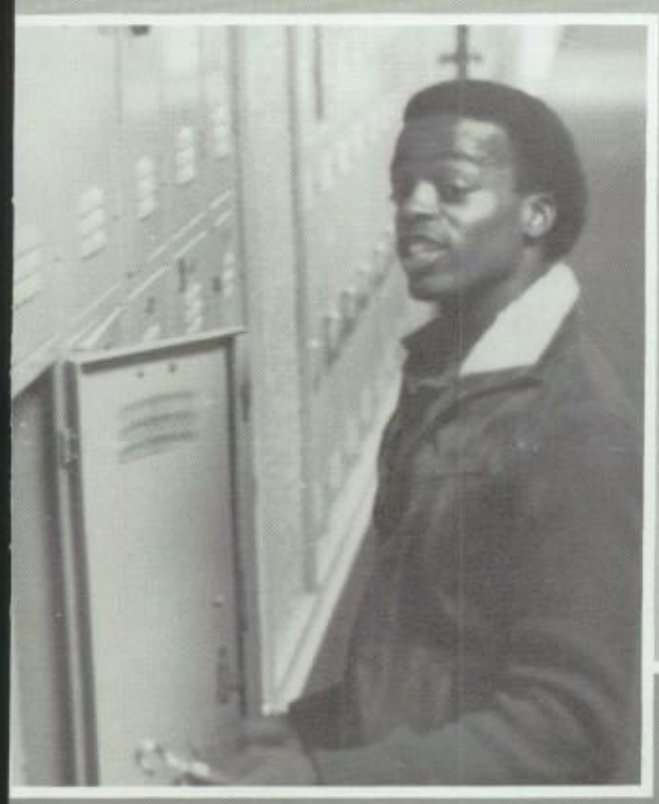
YOU DESERVE A BREAK TODAY— Students find themselves needing an opportunity to get out of the classroom for a breif time as afforded by the concession break.

HERE COMES THE CLOWN— In an active campaign for Pam Rose for Sophomore Class president, Stephanie Duke dresses up as a clown to hand out balloons the day of the run-off.

years, the greatest enrollment occurred in the 1968-69 school year as 2,053 students in grades 9 through 12 attended classes.

Principal Cecil Pirkey, who has also been a football and girls' basketball coach since coming to WMHS in 1957, headed a faculty of 83, including counselors and librarians, all of whom, as members of the faculty, helped the school remain "Distinguished by the Gray."

INTENSE PRACTICE— Gerunds, infinitives, and participles occupy Mrs. Sue Williams' intent to prepare her English IV students for college.



LOCKER BREAK— Junioe Darnell Woods goes to his locker for needed assignments during the concession break.

Mr. & Miss WMHS

Seniors select two for special recognition

During the month of January, seniors voted on one senior boy and girl to be honored as Mr. and Miss WMHS. The identities of these people were kept secret unitl Awards Day which was held in May. It is not a requirement that these two people are in Who's Who but they were selected by the teachers.

A 4:00 student, **JIM HERBET** has been involved in many aspects of high school life. As student council president he is heard every morning despensing information on daily and weekly activities over the intercom. Jim is no newcomer to being busy, as he was president of his sophomore and junior class. Active in athletics he lettered in both football and baseball. A devoted member of Octagon and FCA Jim is also a member of National Honor Society. He has been recognized in the community in that he won the DAR Good Citizenship award and was picked to represent WMHS during National Youth Appreciation week by two Optimist clubs.

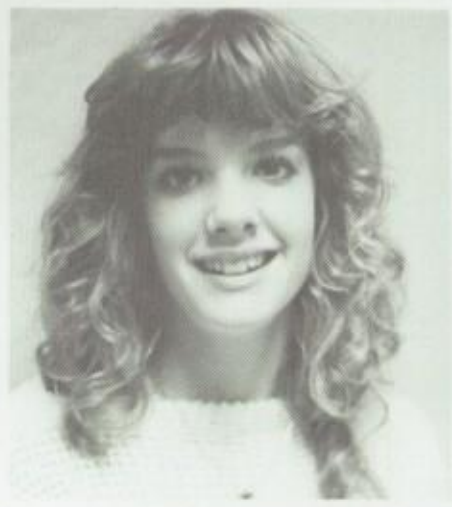
Alisa Thurmon has served as a junior varsity and varsity cheerleader. along with being a senior maid on the Homecoming court. She belongs to Interact, Future Homemakers of America and Fellowship of Christian Students. Alisa, like Jim, was also chosen as represnetative for WMHS during the Optismist Youth Appreciation Week.

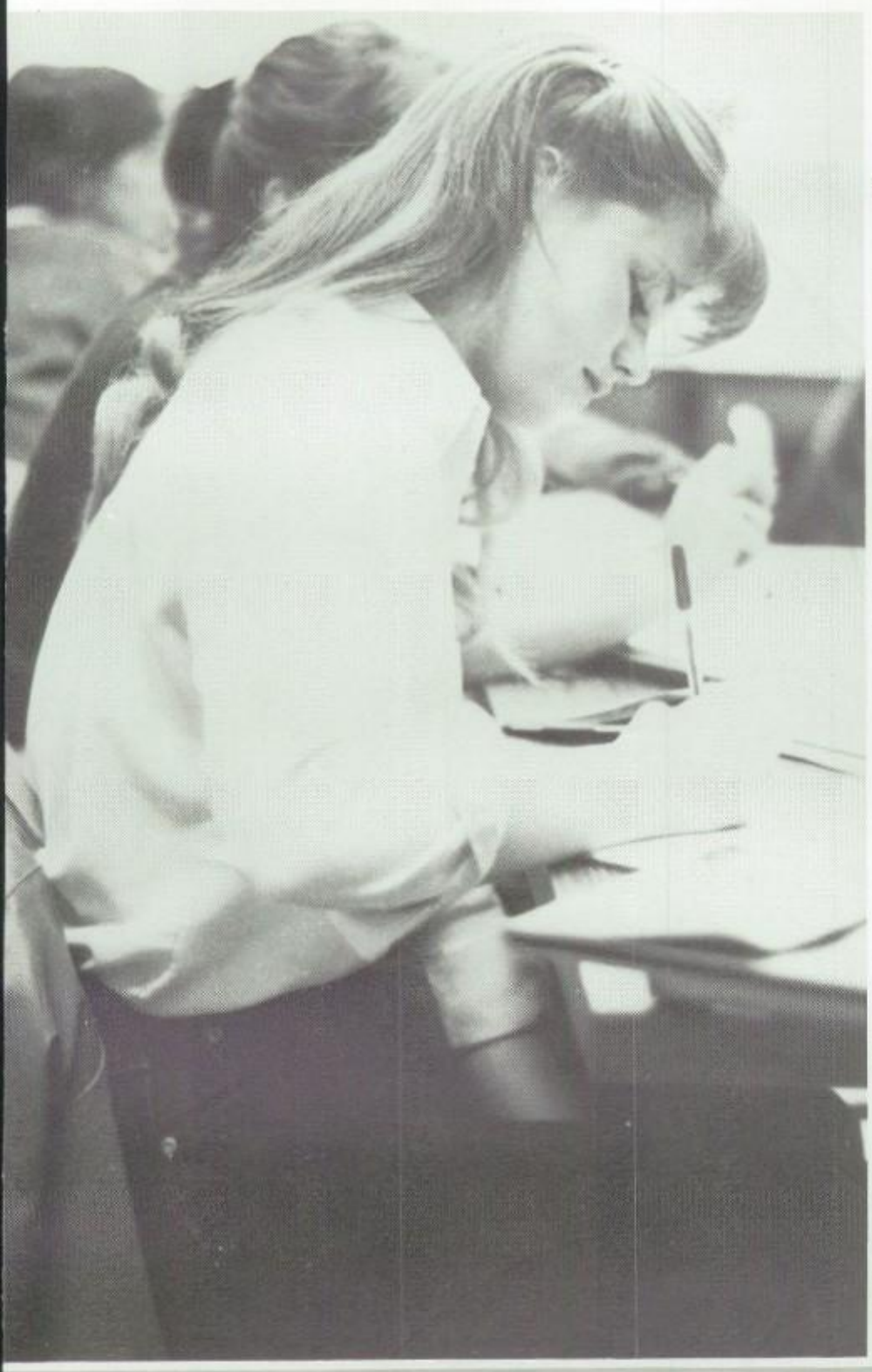
DAILY DUTY - As student council president, one of Jim Herbet's jobs is to announce to students the meetings and activites of organizations.

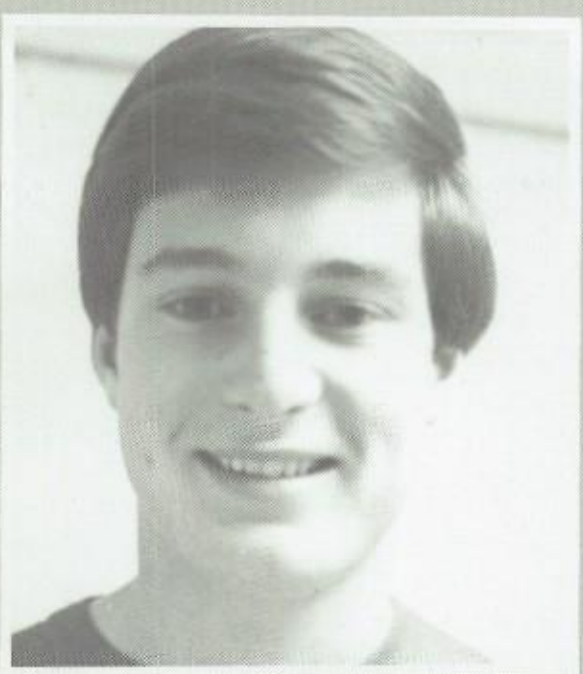
Who's Who

A two-year member of Rebel Raiders, **CELESTE COOK** has been a member of Octagon throughout her high school years. She is a two-year member of Anchor club along with being a member of National Honor Society.

As a member of Rebel Raiders, **LESLIE COOK** received a superstar award at camp. She is the treasurer of National Honor Society and a member of Octagon and Anchor Clubs. She attends First Baptist Church where she is a member of Sound Foundation and the handbell Choir.







SERIOUS STUDYING - As Miss WMHS and a member of Who' s who Alisa Thurmon has to take her studies serioustly as she does in Mrs. Saulsbury's Housing and Equipment.

Vice-president of Octagon, **JEFF COUNTS** has been a trainer for the varsity football team. Jeff has performed in several plays including, "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum", "Wait Until Dark", "Calamity Jane", "Westside Story", And "Lil' Abner." Jeff is a member of choir and ensemble and made all-district chorus in 1983. He is a member of FCA, FCS, and NHS.

As a two-year member of the Rebel Raiders, **DAWN FERGUSON** has been in Interact, Anchor club, and National Honor Society. She has served as the sophomore treasurer and junior and senior representative.

WHO'S WHO

A two-year member of the varsity basketball team, **CHRIS GHOLSTON** was voted Mr. Richardson in his 9th grade year at Richardson Junior High,. He is an office worker at St. Jospeh Missionary Baptist church.

A homecoming maid for three years, **KAREN HENRY** was a junior varsity cheerleader and an assistant head varsity cheerleader. She is a Senior Class representative, a treasurer of Octagon and a member of Student Council, Anchor Club, FHA, French Club and Sound Foundation at First Baptist church.

The state winner in the Voice of Democracy contest, **ROB HURST** holds offices in Theatre-Forensics, National Honor Society and Student Council. He has qualified for state competition in dramatic and humorous interpretation and has been in many plays at WMHS and NLU.

Chosen as a Girl's State delegate, **MICHELE JONES** is a member of National Honor Society, Rebel Raiders, and Rebel Choir. Michele serves a secretary of Anchor Club and has maintained a 4.00 through out high school.

Serving as the sports editor on the Rebelaire staff, **MIKE LATHAM** is a member of National Honor Society. He is Senior Class president and an Anchor Club admiral. He was a two-year letterman of the football team and a member of the baseball team.

As editor of the 1983 Rebelaire, **JAN MAY** was on the staff her junior year. She is a three-year member of Octagon as well as a two-year member of Anchor Club and Quill and Scroll.

Singing to the queen at the Homecoming Assembly, **CHIP MCNEIL** has been involved in choir, ensemble and band. He has performed in "An Evening of One Acts," "Calamity Jane," "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way to the Forum," and "Lil' Abner." He has also been a two-year member of Octagon.

Active in literary rallies, **HAL MORRISON** placed 1st in English in 9th grade, 2nd in Spelling in 10th grade, and 1st in American History in 11th grade. He received Woodmen of the World History Award.

A member of the NLU swim team, **LISA OXFORD** has placed several times at high school competitions. She is a member of Octagon, NHS, and Anchor club. In her senior year, she was chosen to go to Girls State and in her junior year, she was chosen as a representative,

As a two-year letterman in football, **JASON PLEASANT** was chosen as a all-district player in his senior year. He also lettered in baseball and is a member of National Honor Society.

WHO'S WHO

A member of the National Honor Society and Foreign Language Club, **STACY SMITH** has been on the honor roll for three years. She served as the secretary of Student Council her senior year.

VALENCIA SMITH is a member of the varsity basketball team. She is a member of FHA and National Honor Society. She was formerly a member of FBLA, Theater-Forensics, Rebelettes, and the French club.

A member of Thespaians, Rebel choir, Quill and Scroll, and Interact, **STACY SULLIVAN** is co-editor of Rebel Dispatch. He has acted in "Westside Story", "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum" and "If That's Where It's At Baby I'm Not Going".

The president of National Honor Society, **GEORGE TAN** also holds office in AFJROTC, Theatre-Forensics, and Student Council. He won the American Legion Scholastic Excellence Award, the National ROTC award and was a semi-finalist in the National Merit exam.

This year's homecoming queen **LISA THRAILKILL** served on the court her junior year as maid of honor and her sophomore year as a maid. She was a junior varsity and varsity cheerleader along with being a member of Student Council, Anchor Club. She served as secretary for Octagon and Secretary of the senior class.

A member of National Honor Society, **NICKY WAUGH** is a three year letterman on the cross country team and a two-year letterman on the track team.

Both a junior varsity and varsity cheerleader, **BARBARA WESTFALL** served as a senior maid on the homecoming court. She is a representative on student council, secretary of Interact, and a member of FHA.

JV and varsity cheerleader, **KAREN VOLONDA YOUNG** made homecoming court her junior and senior year. She is a member of Theatre-Forensics, Foreign Language club, Quill and Scroll, Art club, honor club, and the Rebel Dispatch.

As a member of Rebelettes for two years, **SHARON YOLANDA YOUNG** is a member of National Honor Society. She is a secretary for COE and the Artistic director of Theatre-Forensics along with serving as the assistant art director of Black History program in 11th grade. As a member of FBLA, she won 1st place in clerical practice in the district rally in 1982.

After 30 years

Notable graduates set precedents for

The Class of '83

Of the some of 50,000 students who have attended West Monroe High School since 1953, perhaps one of the most widely known graduates is Jerry Stoval, head coach of the LSU Tigers.

Stoval was a member of the 1957 graduating class. School enrollment that year was 1,703.

Other prominent athletes who are graduates of WMHS include Andre Young of the San Diego Chargers and Ralph Williams of the Houston Oilers.

Richard Savage, a 1978 graduate of WMHS, is gaining recognition nationwide for his boxing skills. During the fall of 1982, Savage was a victor in a fight which was televised across the nation on HBO.

Other notable graduates include West Monroe Mayor Dave Norris, a 1960 graduate, who has been an economics professor at NLU before being elected mayor.

These and other graduates have set precedents for this year's 30th graduating class. Many of the prospective 1983 graduates have selected unusual professions.

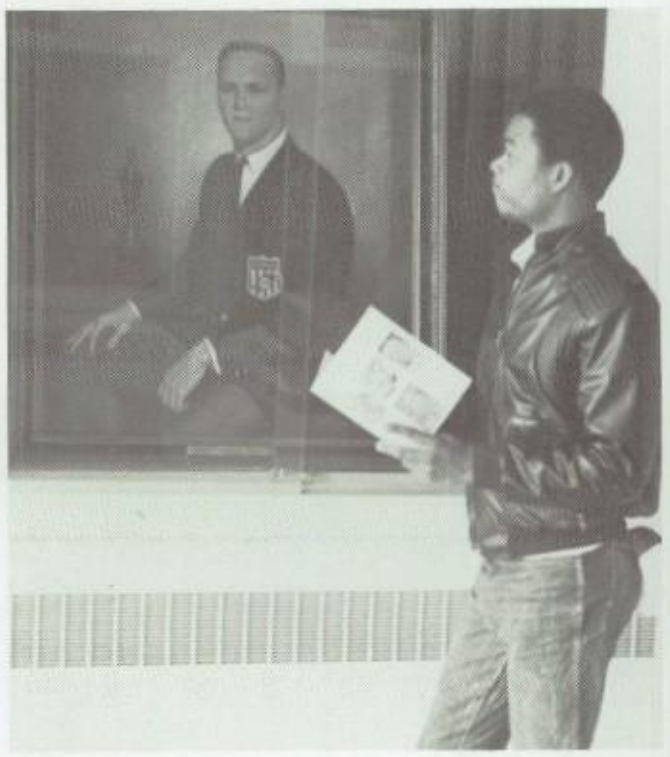
Randall Smith intends to pursue a career in agricultural technology, while Stacy Sullivan hopes to become a public relations practioner.

Lisa Hortmon hopes to attend Stevens College in Missouri to major in equine sciences, with the ambition of being a horse trainer. "I've been interested in horses since I was seven," she explained.

Todd Nolan shares a similar ambition, with hopes of being a horse trainer.

Gymnastics is the future plan for Stacey Weigmann, who has earned national recognition for her gymnastics skills and ability.

For Rebecca Zimmer, forestry is her future plan.



A DAY OF MEMORIES - January 20 was Jerry Stovall Day and students such as Patrick Boatner took time out to look at his portrait and the program of the days activities.

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Kathy Abbott
Dee Adams

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Kim Adams
Kitty Akin

Mike Aldridge
Shawn Allen
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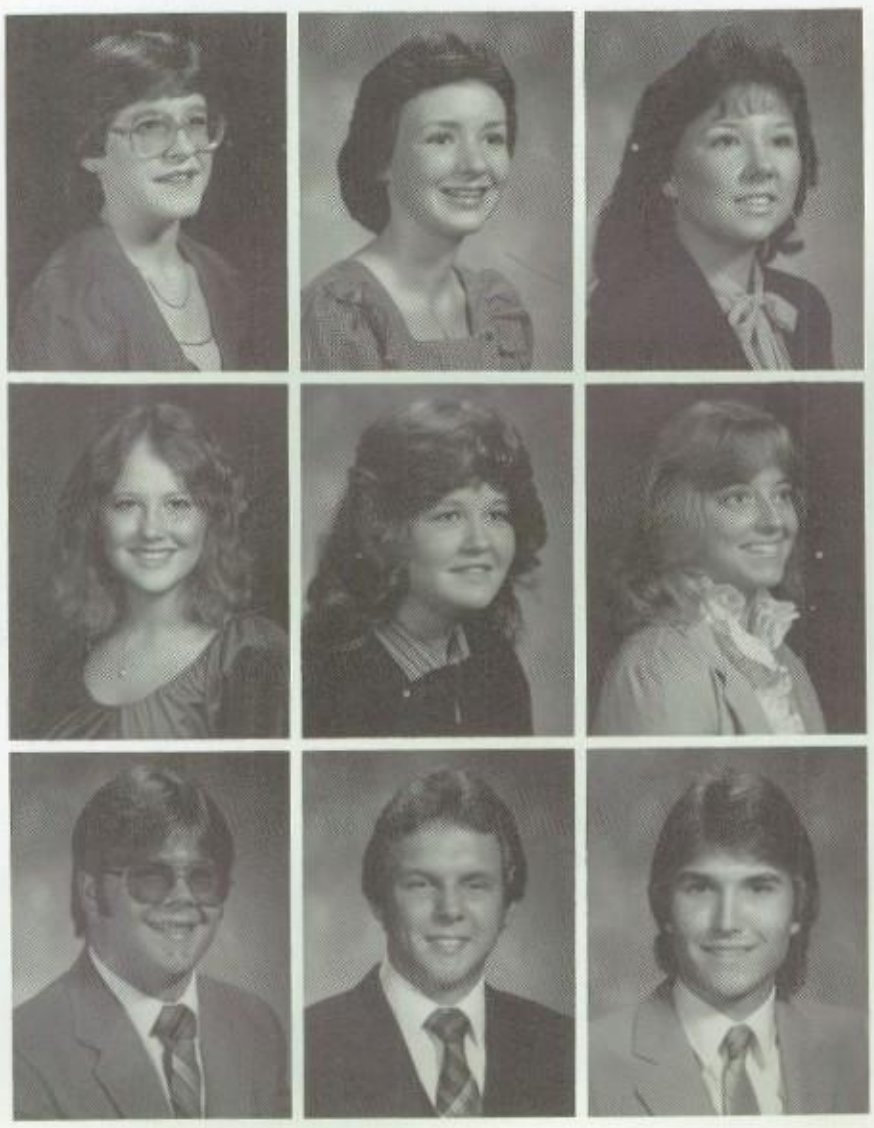
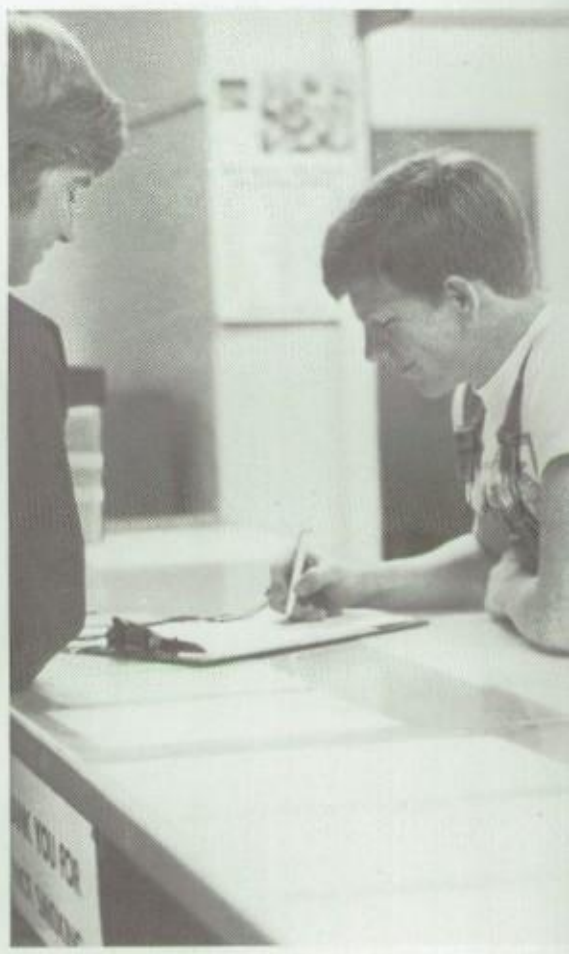
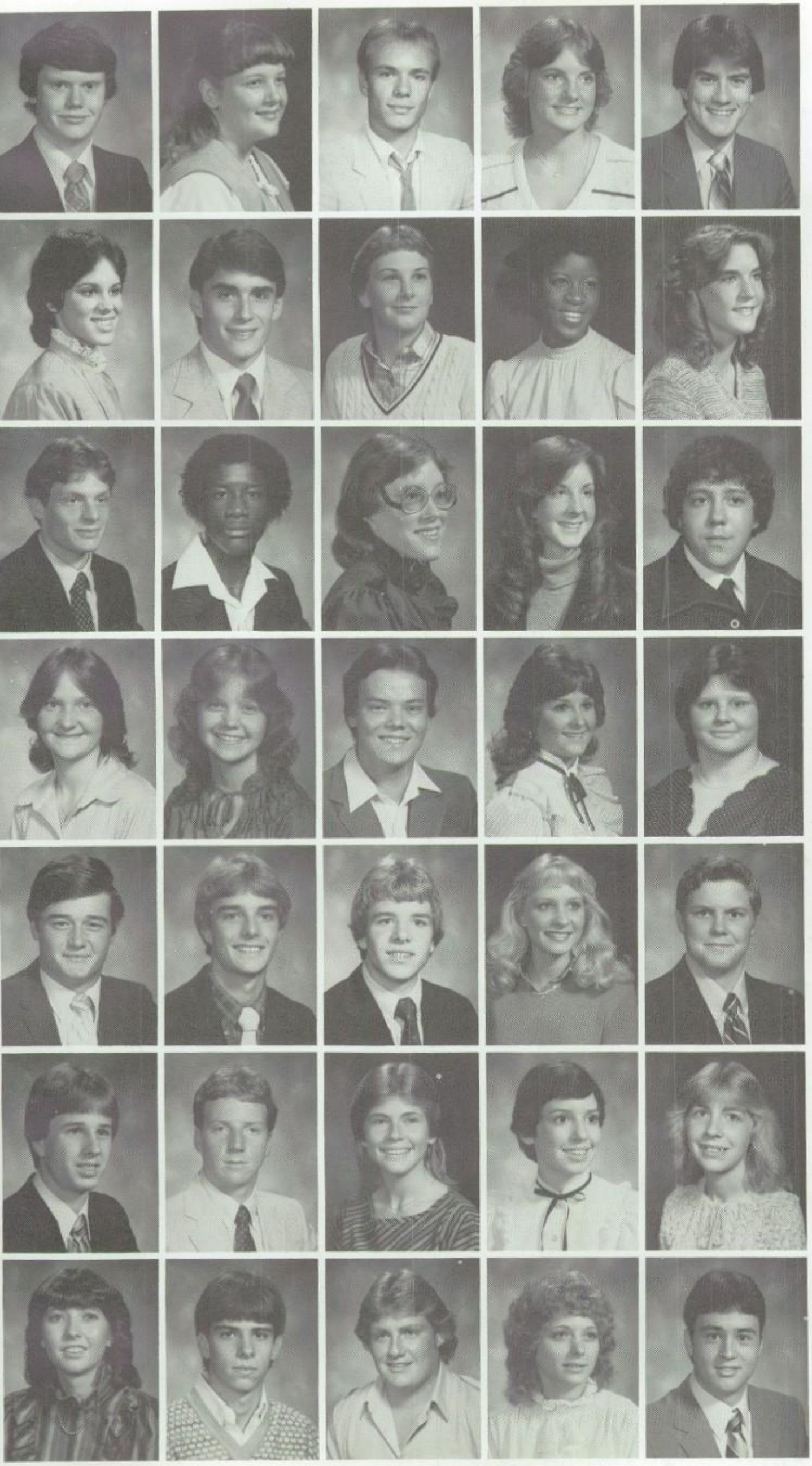




A PART OF THE JOB- Senior Keith O'Briant checks students in when they are late for school as part of his job working in the office.



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Michael Banks

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Brad Bates
Selida Beebe
Belinda Bell
Carolyn Bennett

Fred Bennett
Ervin Benton
Karan Benton
Sandra Berry
Kevin Bishop

Nita Bissell
Ashley Blazier
Charles Bolen
Sherri Bolin
Teresa Bond

John Bonnett
Sam Bourland
Randy Braddock
Dorothy Brakefield
Randall Branch

Jeffery Brantly
Jerry Brasher
Susan Bratton
Sheri Brewer
Beverly Broughton

Penny Brown
Randy Brown
Ronald Brown
Tina Brown
Stacey Bryan

Dee Bullock
Matt Burke
Kristi Burns
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Susan Carroll
Greg Carter
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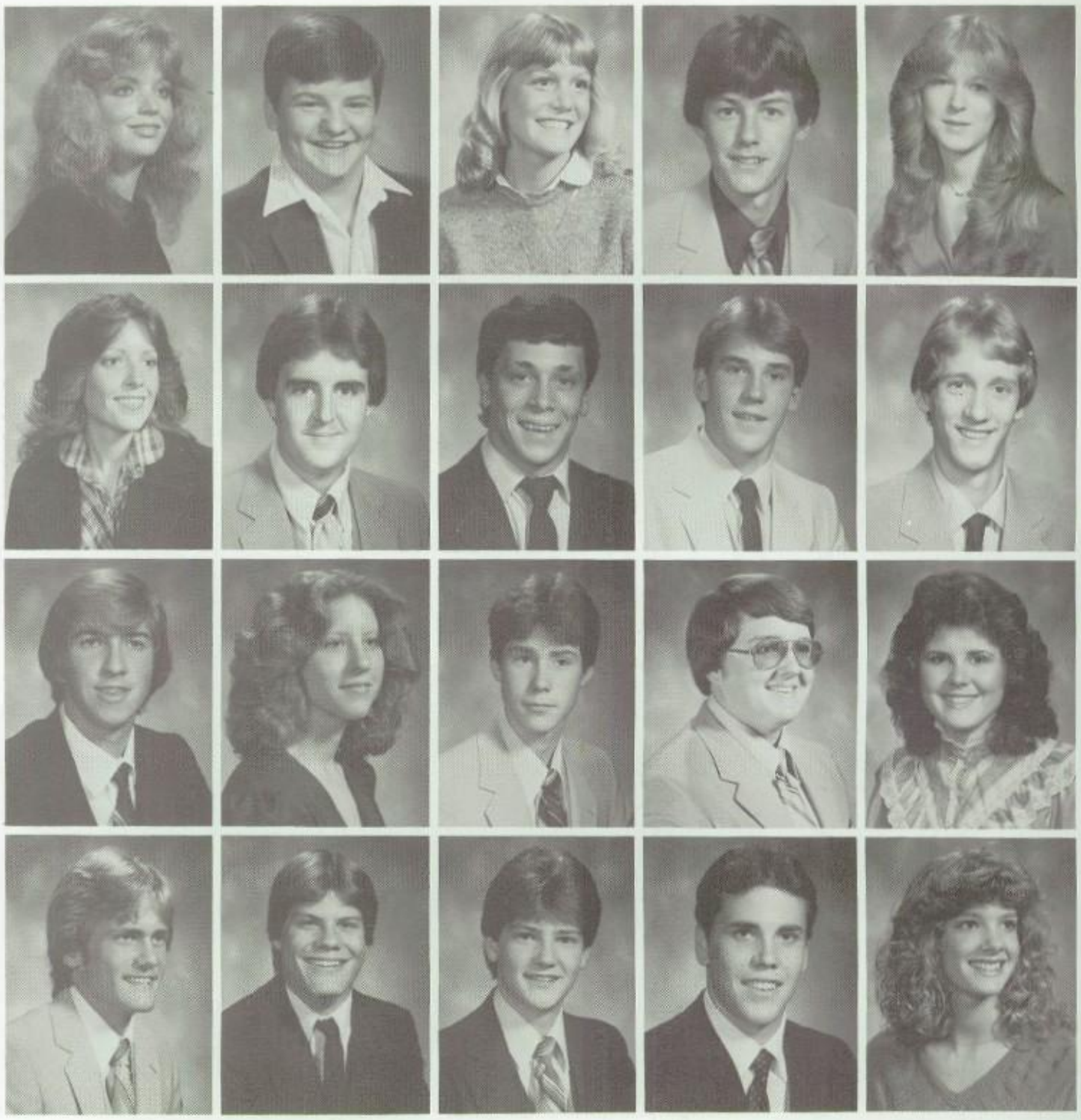


HOLDING TIGHT - Prior to the Neville game, Rhonda Nugent and Kay Saulsbury await the football players entrance so they can release the balloons.

DECISION, DECISION - At concession break, Leslie Feazel and Kathy Abbott look over the sheet on computer dating.

After 30 years

A few hours makes a difference when

You're turning 18

Just a few hours made a year's difference for seniors Ashley Blazhier and Jan May. Being born early in the day on Jan. 1 made them begin school a year later, than if they would have had they been born Dec. 31.

However, all was not in vain, as they explained. "My mother said that even if I had been born on Dec. 31, she would have probably kept me out of school one year because I would have been so much younger than everybody else," commented Jan.

"Most of my friends are younger than I but I don't let it bother me that much, although I feel more mature. Sometimes they make me feel out of place by the way they act, but I wouldn't trade their friendship for anything," said Ashley.

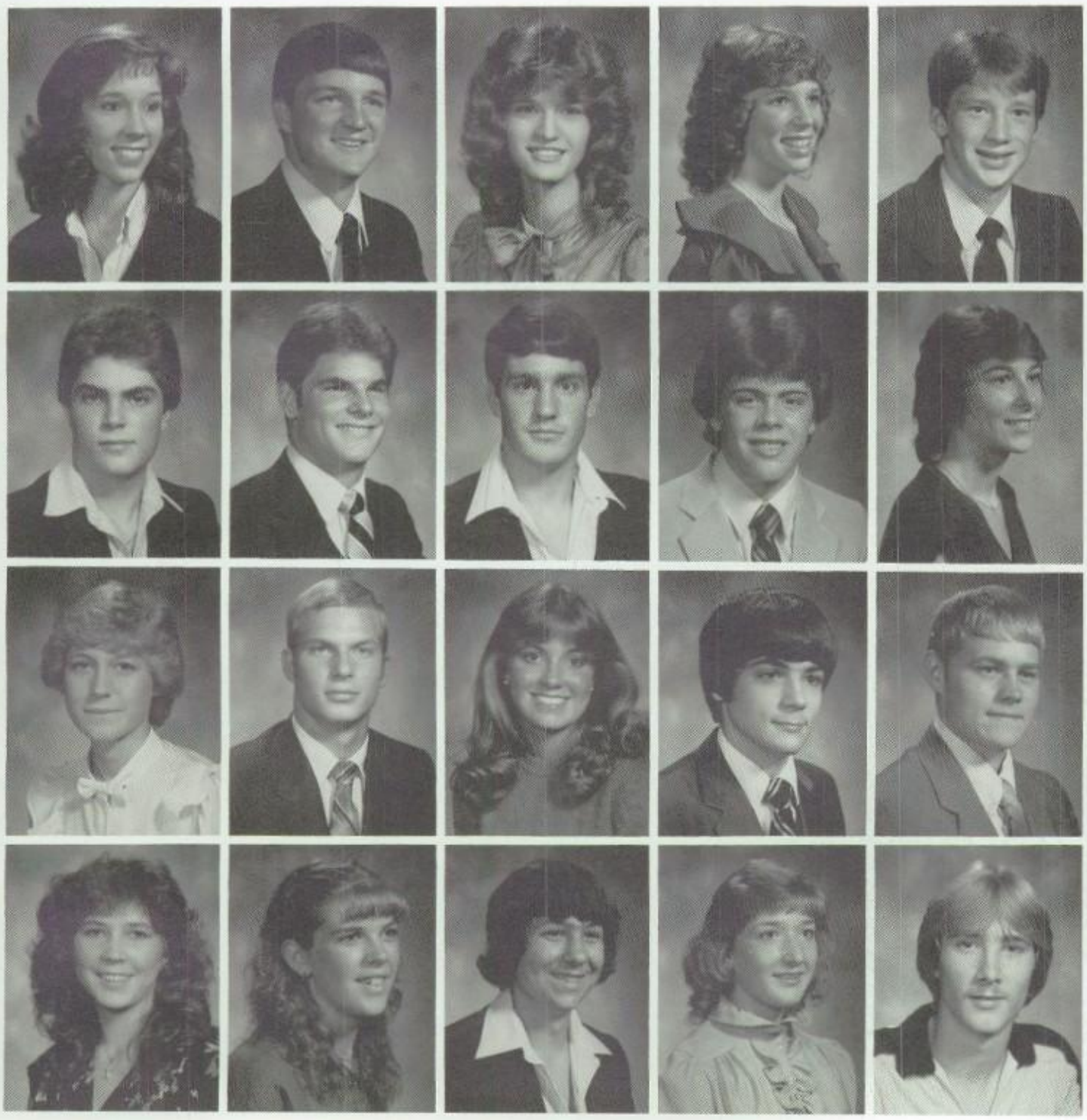
Turning 18 for seniors meant going to the Registrar of Voters to register to vote, and becoming of legal age to buy alcoholic beverages. For fellows, that age also meant a trip to the Post Office to register for the draft.

"People want me to buy them beer because I'm old enough, but I don't," commented Scott Cupit, about one of the chief pressures of turning 18.

"I was excited about getting to vote, and joining the Republican party. I talked to an official of the party about becoming active. They are anxious to get young people involved in politics," said Mike Carter.

Barbara Westfall said on her view of the voting privilege, "To me, being 18 is no different from being 17 except that now I can vote, but that doesn't mean a whole lot to me."

To some, turning 18 represents a time, in which one should know what he plans to do in life. "I feel like I'm growing up so fast, and it scares me. I haven't got everything planned out for my future," stated Carolyn Bennett.



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Jeff Counts

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Brian Creery
Scott Cupit
Darrell DeLoach
Marianne Dalton

Kim Davis
Eric Diffey
Lisa Dilmore
Mark Doran
Jim Douglas

Lisa Duckworth
Verna Duffy
John Dugger
Pam Dumas
Larry Dunn

Lydia Dunn
Kim Dupree
Angel Dyke
Shona Edmonds
Margo Edwards

Wanda Edwards
Janet Eppinette
Bonny Faircloth
Rodney Farr
Leslie Feazel

Dawn Ferguson
Karen Finley
Joel Fitts
Laura M. Fletcher
Brad Fordham

Kevin Foster
Yvette Foy
Phyllis Frost
Brenda Fulford
Suzy Fuller

Jim Funderburk
Lisa Garner
Chris Gholston
Doug Guilliand
Donna Ginn

Lisa Glover
Thomas Glover
John Graham
Suzonne Gray
Jennifer Greer

Reed Griffin
Donna Hall
LaDonna Hall
Sherri Hall
Karen Hardin

After 30 years

For the Class of '83, graduation significance is **Just the Beginning**

In Journalism the Roman numeral 30 is a sign of completion. For the seniors, 30 is just the beginning.

The graduating class of 1983 will be the 30th class to graduate from West Monroe High School. What special significance does this carry?

"It's good to be the king," stated class president Mike Latham.

"It's just cool to be getting out; I'm proud to be in the 30th graduating class, said Charles Williams.

Stephanie Jackson said, "I'm proud to graduate from West Monroe, it has built an excellent reputation over its 30 years."

"I hope the significance we make is that in later years we will be the best class ever," added Karen Young.

Barry Johnson said, "They gave it enough time to get their act together before I came into the picture."

"It's my turn," stated Belinda Bell.

Nell Morgan said, "I'm just ready to go."

Jennifer Greer commented, "I think it's special because it only happens every 30 years."

"This year will always be special because this is the year that LSU beat Alabama," said Jeffery Doughty.

"It's a challenge to maintain a certain level of excellence over 30 years. Educators have had to learn to deal with having to compete with school-related extracurricular activities, students getting jobs, in general their fast pace of living, on a positive note, I have seen my seniors show a great deal of dedication in learning," stated Mrs. Evelena Johnson.

This year is the first year that seniors are required to have 22 credits to graduate instead of 20. Because of this there was a sharp decline in mid-term graduation.

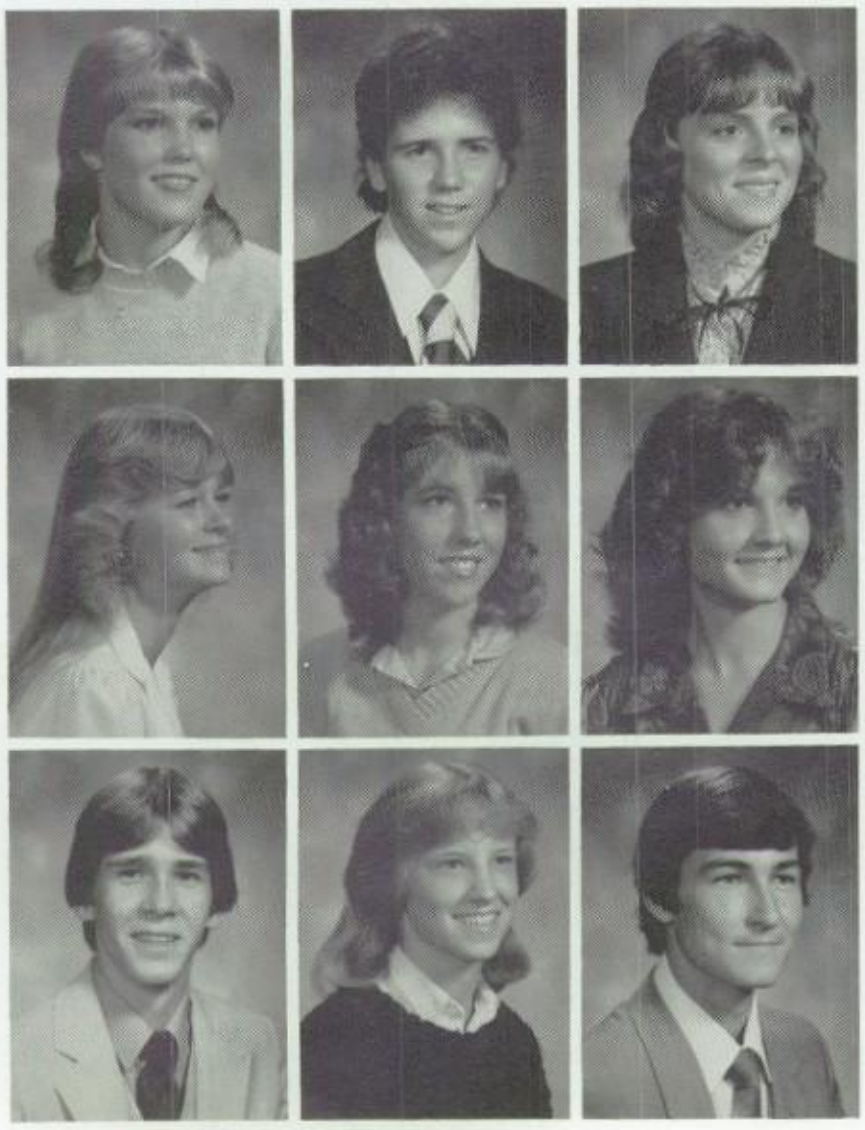
Sandra Bamburg noted, "I went to summer school to get one and a half credits and went six classes the first semester; the reason I did was because I'm getting married in February."

Because of recurring problems and costs of renting the Civic Center, this year seniors are setting a first by graduating at Ewing Coliseum at Northeast Louisiana University.

"With all the other schools graduating at the Civic Center, we were not able to get the date when we wanted. On top of this the cost of renting the Civic Center has sky rocketed," explained senior class advisor Mrs. Jane Johnston.

SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE- "I'm just glad I'm graduating. This means I don't have to work any more; I can go to college." Richard Loveland

GO FOR IT- A member of the First Baptist Church basketball team Sam Bourdelon slamdunks the ball during practice.



Stacie Hargrove
Steven Harpe
Jill Harrell

Lisa Hasley
Kelli Hayes
Cynthia Head

Mike Head
Crystal Hedge
Mike Hendrix

BLIND MAN'S BLUFF - With his head covered, Vaughn Landry gets a lesson in listening as he is lead on an obstacle course lead by Russ Hodges, freshman counselor at NLU.

After 30 years

PARENTS AND SENIORS BRIDGE
GENERATION GAP

The fact that this is the 30th graduating class may not be important to many seniors, but for two, it's a landmark. Their parents, now associated with the education programs here, were in the first graduating class.

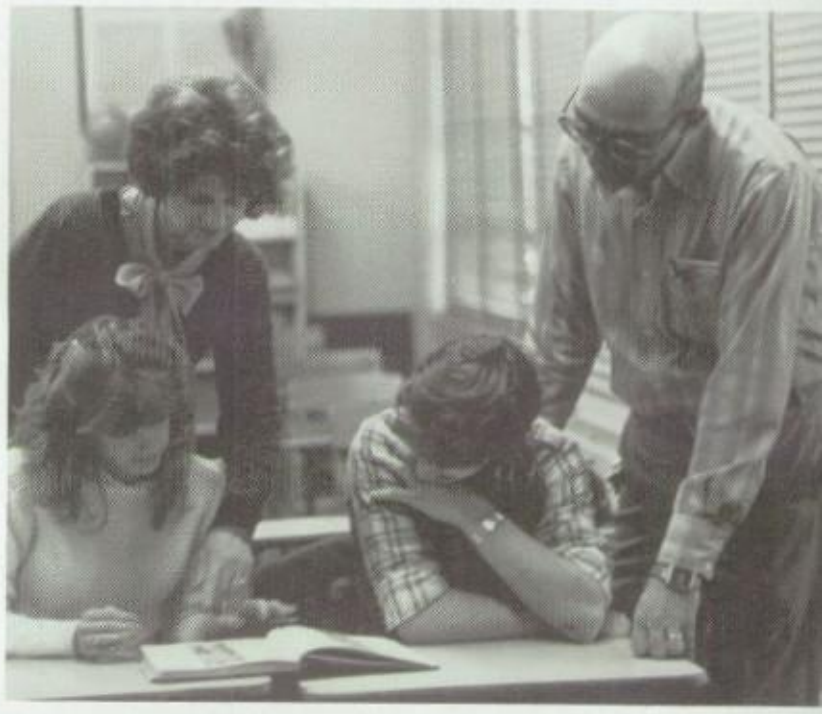
For Celeste Cook and Gary Thomas, this graduation will be of special family significance since Mrs. Jeannette Cook, American history teacher, and Mr. Roland Thomas, head custodian, were in the 1953 class.

"It's nice . . . she's here when I need her," commented Celeste, whose mom was queen of the football festival in '53.

"It's great to have my children go to the school I attended and love," explained Mrs. Cook.

Although they are "a generation apart," Gary and his dad enjoy some of the same things. "We both like sports, hunting, fishing, and tinkering with things, trying to fix them," said Gary. "We (my family) stick together. I like to see my kids do well and I encourage them" said, Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Cook, and their seniors will experience another significant time at their alma mater when Kristie Cook and Larry Thomas, both sophomores, graduate.



THEN AND NOW- Graduates of the first class from WMHS, Mrs. Jeannette Cook and Mr. Roland Thomas look over the 1953 Rebelaire with two of the prospective 1983 graduates, Celeste Cook and Gary Thomas.

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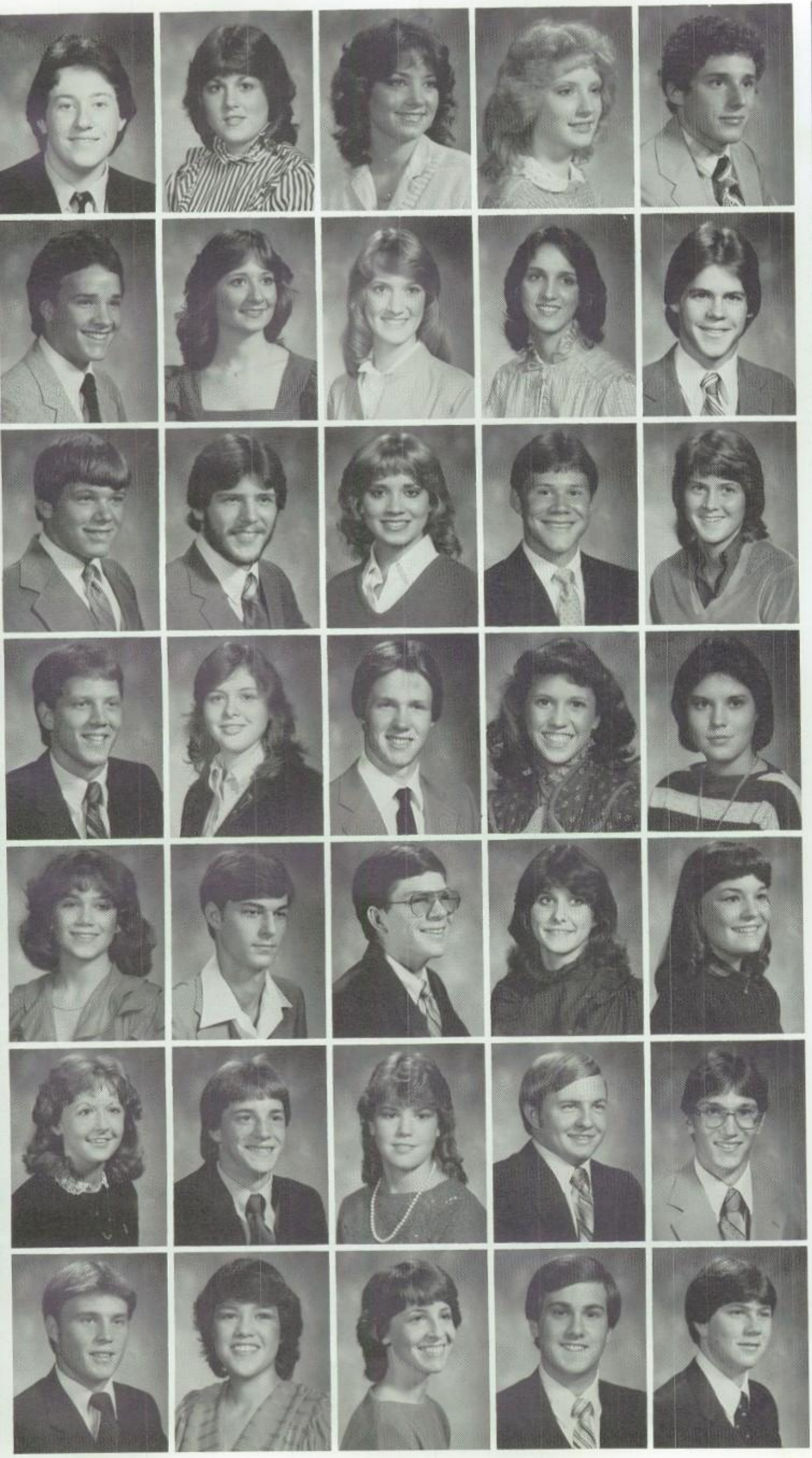

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Cldye Knox
Sandy Kolb
Vaughn Landry
Juli Latham

Michael Latham
Jeanne Lauhoff
Randall Lawson
Lanie Lenard
Tanya Lenard

Melissa Lewis
Thomas Lewis
Richard Loveland
Donna Lowery
Susie Lundy

Sonia Lynch
Pat Magourik
Lee Martin
Edward Martin
Stacey Martin

Chuck Massey
Ginger Matheson
Jan May
Tom McCandlish
Wade McCarty

DeeDee McClendon
Donna McClendon
Tammy McCready
Richard McDowell
Dana McIntosh

David McKnight
Scott McKnight
Joyce McKoin
Bradley McNeely
James McNeil

Lisa Miller
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Kendall Milstead
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Jay Mitchell

John Moore
Greg Morris
Hal Morrison
Jesse Morrison
Rhonda Murphy

Hope Myers
Dana Neeley
Kim Nolan
Rhonda Nugent
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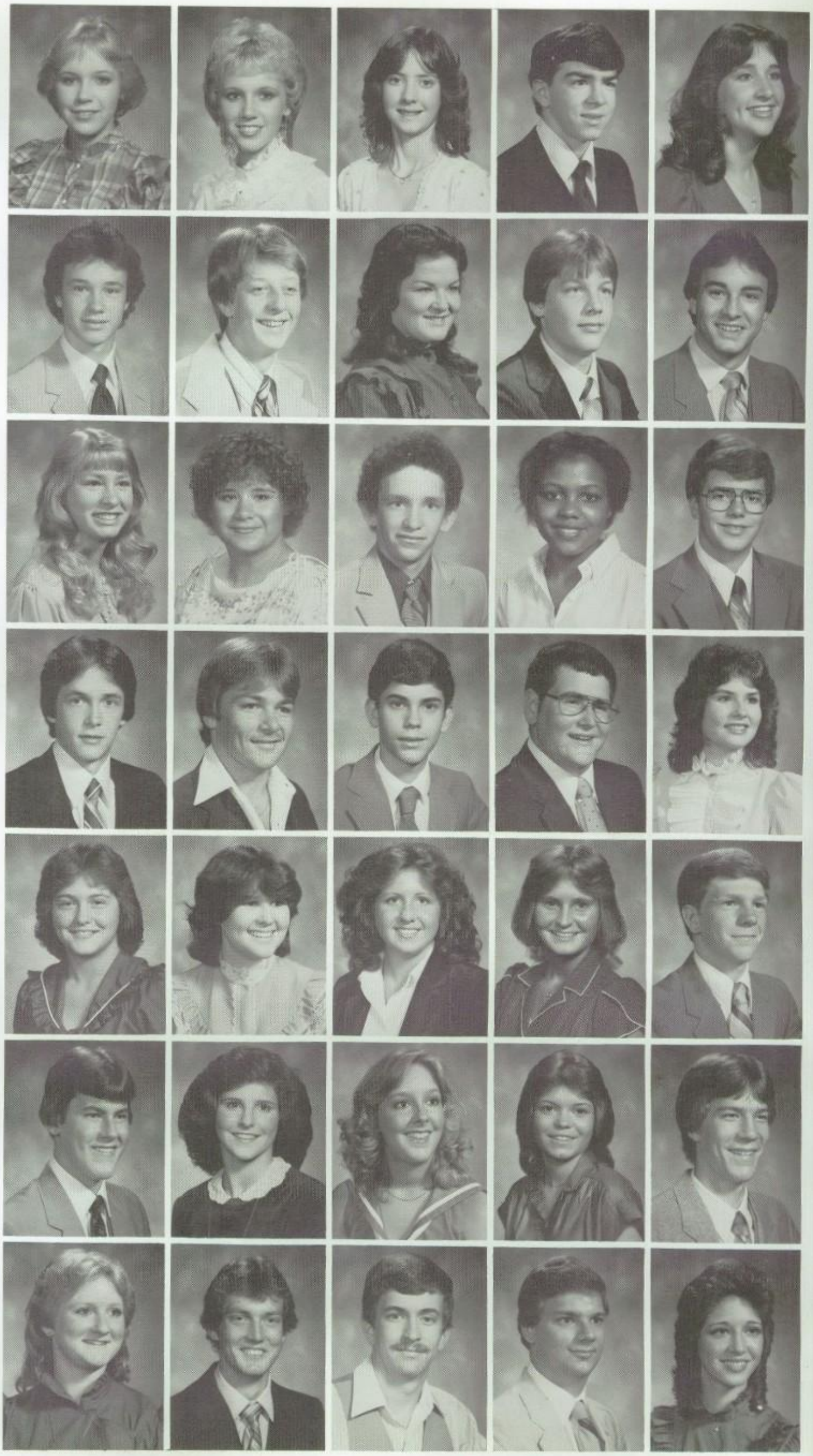
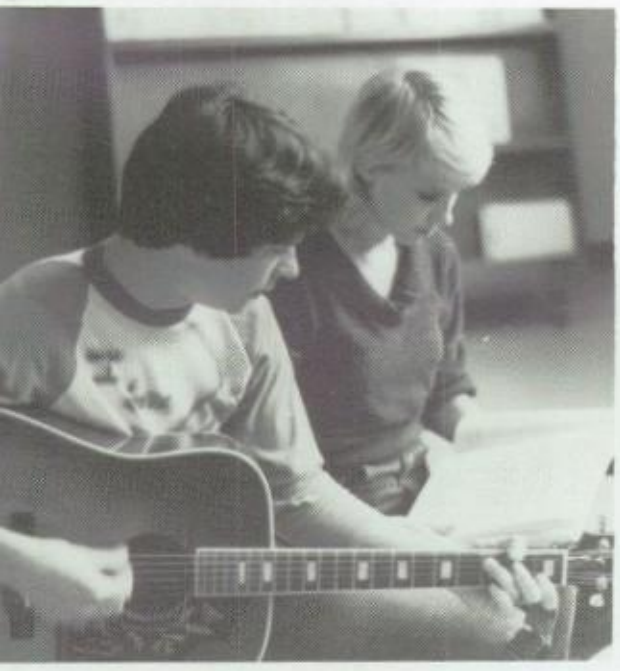


MAKE USE OF TIME - Donna McClendon rehearses her music in the choir room during concession break.



ONE OF A KIND- Since American free enterprise students must purchase their books, they can use the clear yellow markers to underline key passages, as Crystal Hedge does.

After 30 years

Students earn elective credits

BY CORRESPONDENCE

For $50 a senior can earn one-half unit of elective credit by mail, via a correspondence course.

"We prefer that the student not take required courses (by correspondence); therefore; they are taking for the most part electives. All work must be approved by Mr. Cecil Pirkey," explained guidance counselor Mrs. Loretta Ashrbook.

REVIEW- Julie Tan is one of the students working toward an early graduation via correspondence.

"We will only accept courses from LSU. LSU sends us the test; after students finish their lessons, they come to the counselors when they feel ready to take their tests. There are usually two tests, which we send back to LSU," she noted.

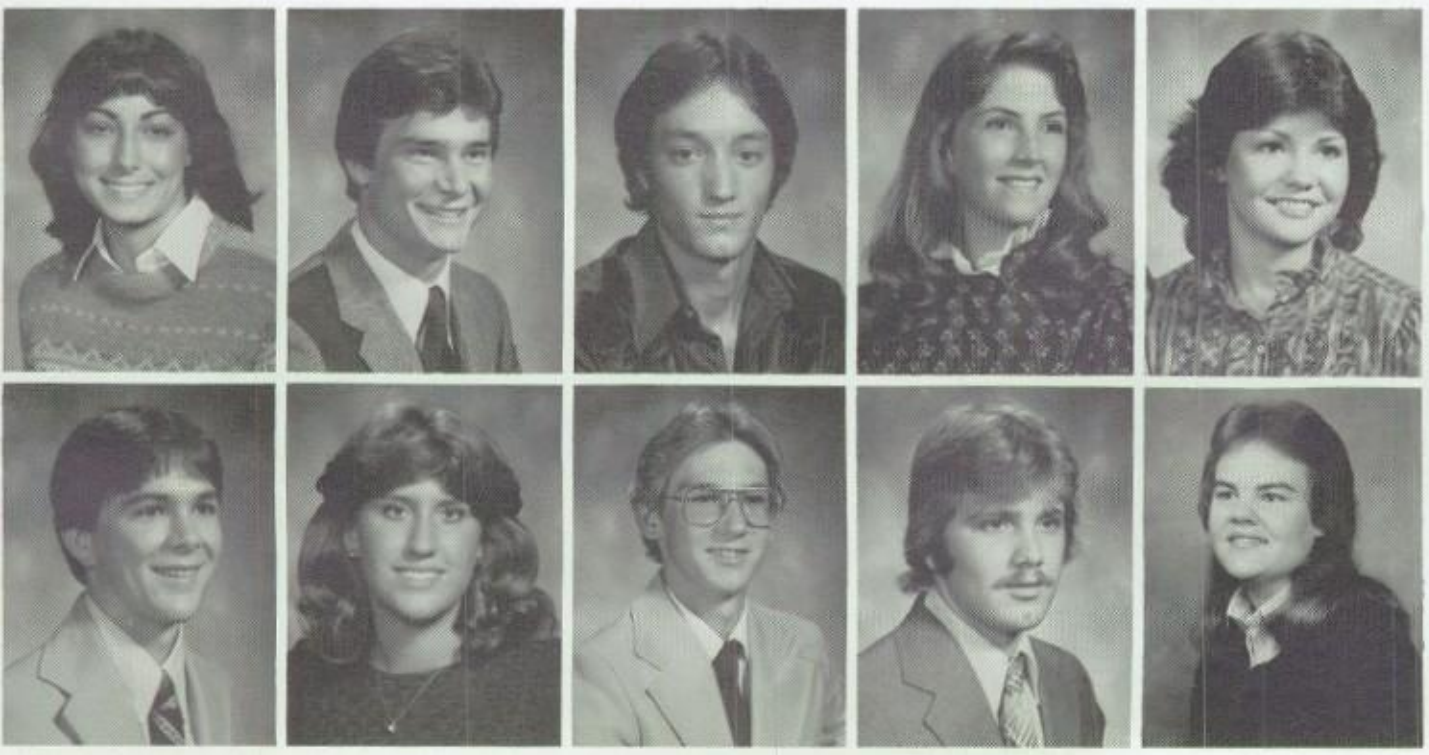
Two one-half credits are the most anyone from WMHS has taken, Mrs. Ashbrook said.

"My personal goal is to graduate early," said Julie Tan. "It's (correspondence courses) a lot like college; the independence helps you, and you work at your own pace; you must be self-motivated," she said.

"I usually send in about two lessons a week. It's really kinda easy," she added.

"I'm taking it for the credit to graduate. I have to have more than half of it finished so that I can take American Free enterprise the second half," said John Graham. "It's not really that hard. One lesson is equivalent to about one chapter, and it's usually 8-12 pages long," he added.

Other seniors who have taken correspondence courses this year include Karen Wink and Liz Grazier.



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Alan Roach

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Kenny Roberts
Kirstian Robinson

David Rodgers
Todd Rogers
Kim Rountree

Theresa Rowland
Jerry Sanders
Tina Sanford

Charles Saterfiel
Doyle Saterfiel
Anita Scarbrock

Karen Scarbrock
Rhonda Scharf
Scott Seab

Stephen Shaffar
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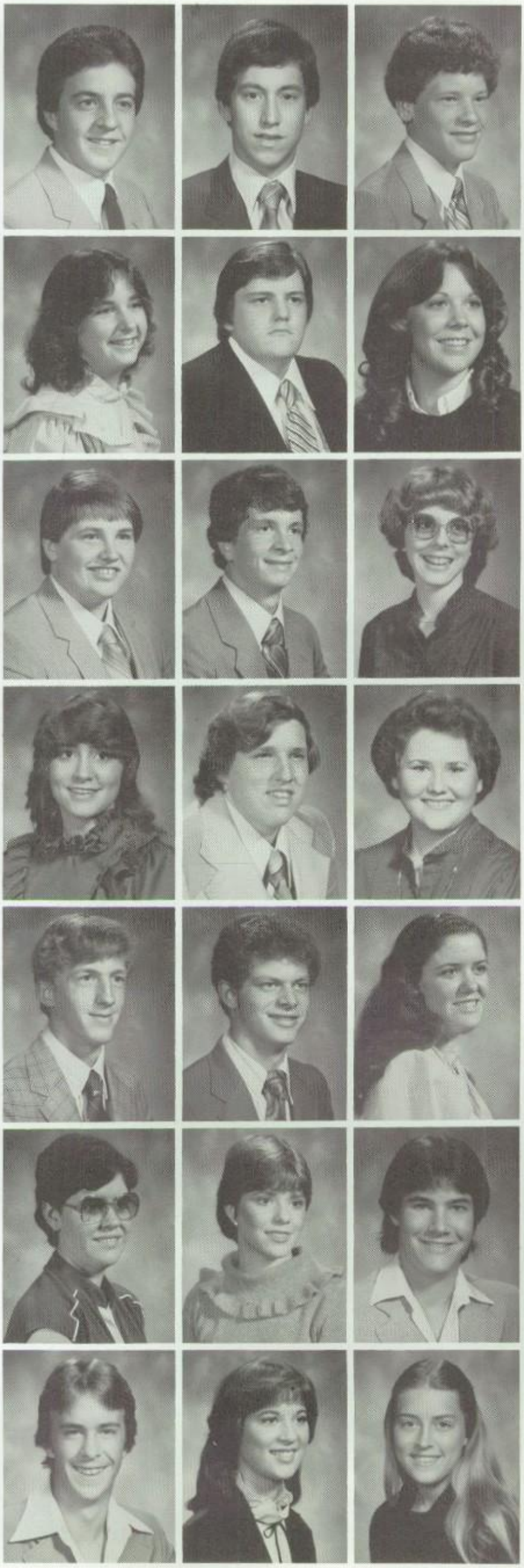
DeJuanna Shatzer



CONFUSION
MISTA

Identical twins are often confused with each other, but what about people who have identical names.

Contrary to popular belief, Greg Smith is not Greg Smith. James Gregory Smith distinguished the two, "I have brown hair and eyes, an mustache and I play baseball. "Often when introducing myself to someone, they know the other Greg Smith and think I'm joking, he added.

"When in a group we will call each other by our names and people around us that don't know us sort of freakout. I'm glad to say the other Greg Smith is pretty cool and everyone likes him. I'm glad of that because if he had a bad reputation people might think I have one too. People might say, 'like one, like the other," said the senior.

BEST SEATS - Tracie Coats and LaDonna Hall are among the seniors who arrive early enough to find choice seats in the student section for a home football game.

After 30 years

FROM SAME NAMES RESULTS IN
KEN IDENTITIES

The "other Greg Smith", Gregory Scott Smith, has blonde hair and blue eyes. "When we both came to school here, at first we were confused with one another, but now after two years, we have our own identities. I am known as Greg who plays basketball and he is known as Greg who play baseball; he is also known as 'Lefty', said the other Greg. I remember one time when someone came up to me at concession break and said, "Hey, have you seen Greg Smith? and I just kind of looked at him and then realized what he was talking about," he added.

Both of them said that the only major conflict with their names was the office mix-up. Whenever one is needed in the office, personnel usually gets the wrong Greg Smith. But as Greg (Scott) Smith says, "People still get us mixed up, and it offers a lot of confusion, but I'll get over it."

Meanwhile, office mix-ups seem to get to Laura Smith. She said, "I wish I had a different name, but not because of her (Laura L. Smith). I just hate having such a common name. "Laura L. Smith said she likes her name just the way it is.

Daryl Kile and Doug Kile are often being confused in the office. Doug is often mistaken for Daryl on the absentee list.

"People ask me all the time if he's my brother or cousin. He's not!" Daryl commented, "I've grown rather fond of my name and wouldn't change it."

"Sometimes I wish my last name was different. Just anything except Kile," stated Doug. "A lot of people ask me if she is my sister. I get tired of answering that question."

Daryl added, "I've only met him once or twice, so I really don't know him well, but I do wonder why everyone laughs when a teacher asks the familiar question 'Are you kin to Doug Kile?'

Other seniors with confusing names include Laura K. Fletcher, Laura M. Fletcher, Donna Hall, LaDonna Hall, Linda Underwood, and Lesley Underwood.

TWO OF A KIND -, Although she shares an identical name, the dark-haired Laura Fletcher completes her journalism assignement.

Carol Simpson
James Smith
Laura E. Smith
Laura L. Smith

Randall Smith
Valencia Smith
Kathy Socha
Curtis Southern

Jodie Spaulding
Kalisha Stevens
LaDonna Stewart
James Strickland

After 30 years

Vocations, colleges give seniors chance to examine offerings

At Career Days

A new angle on career days included not only those seniors interested in attending college but also those interested in obtaining vocational skills.

Previously, seniors indicated their college preferences, and when a college representative was scheduled to appear on campus to talk with prospective students, the interested seniors were invited to attend.

Some area universities have even expanded their career day opportunities to incorporate both on-campus career lectures at the school as well as on the university campus. Tech and Northeast each offer a career day at their university campus, while Tech extends the day into weekend activities including a football game.

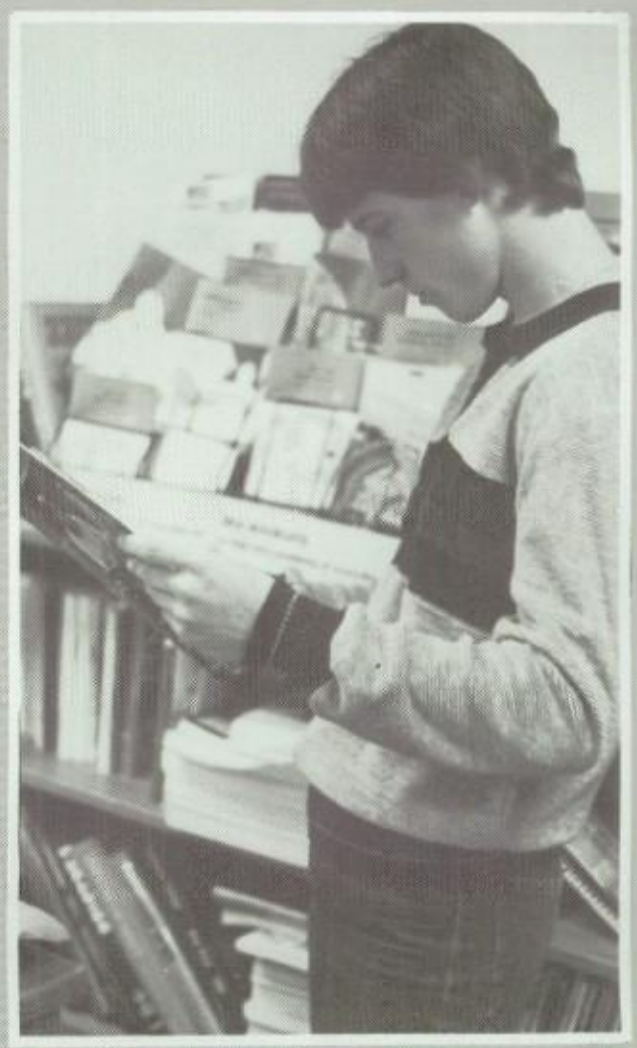
However, guidance counselors conducted an interest inventory last December to have students rate their choices for careers. In the spring, when sophomores were scheduled to take the state assessment tests, juniors and seniors were to be scheduled to attend career lectures.

"We get consultants to come and speak on behalf of their professional career," commented Mrs. Sarah Allen. This career day, in conjunction with the state assessment tests, will provide a chance for college as well as vocational students to benefit from the consultants.

NLU has a scholars' day in January for students that are most likely to benefit from their funding program.

It gives the faculty a chance to get acquainted with the students and from this introduction, faculty members will make their final recommendation to scholarship committees.

Kim Nolan added, "I was really excited about having a chance to meet the faculty at NLU."

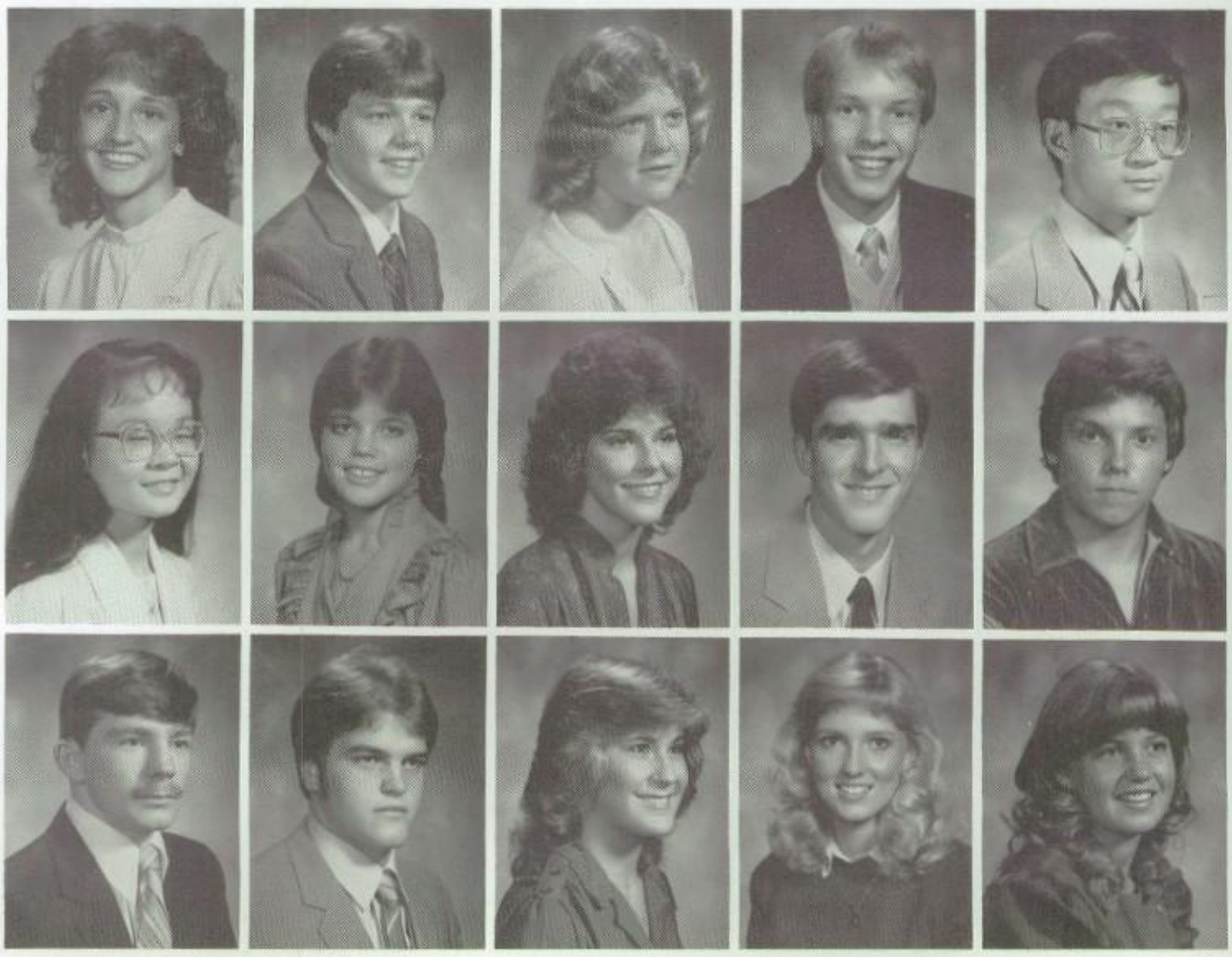


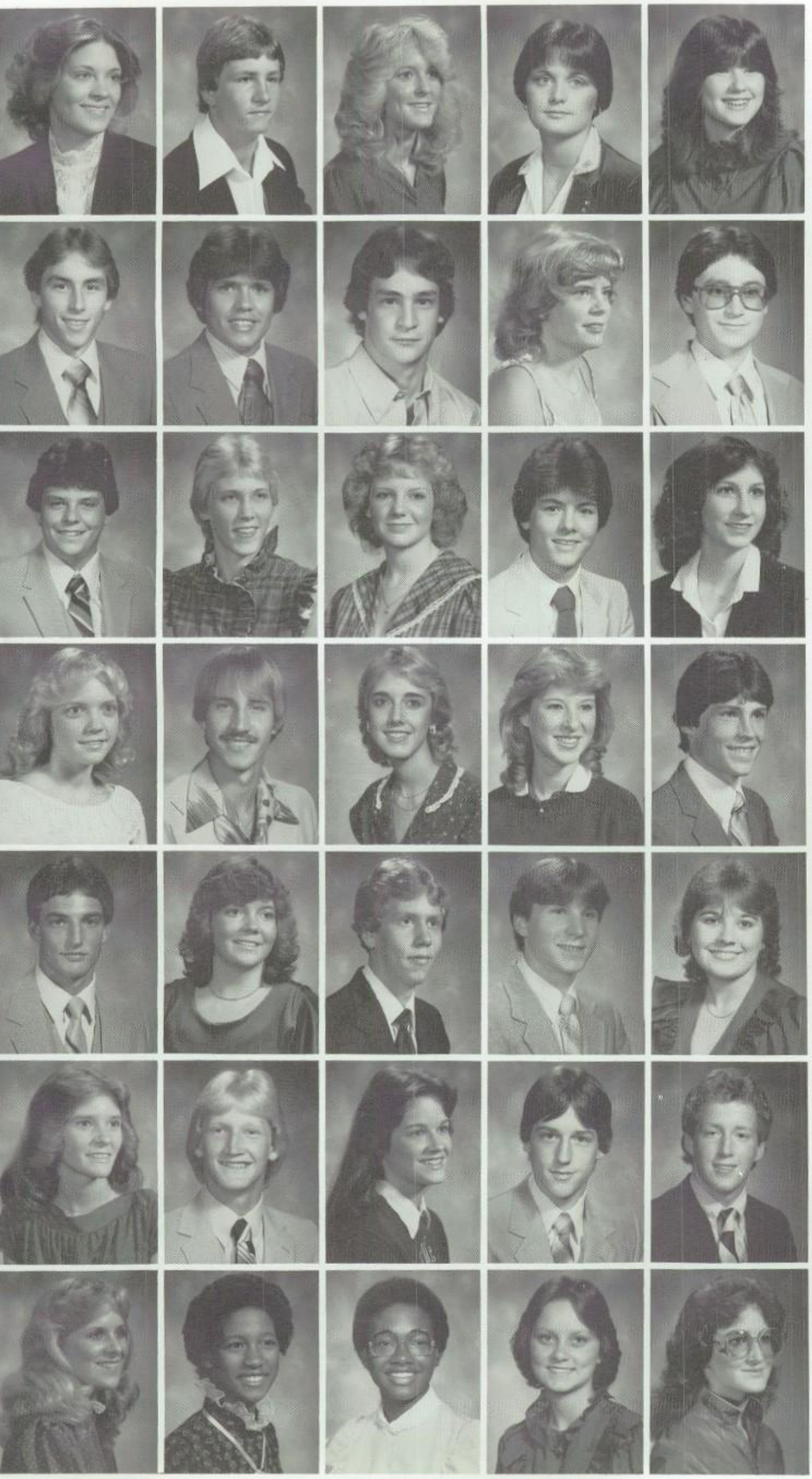
DECISIONS, DECISIONS — What to do after high school is a question that Matt Word seeks an answer for as he looks through college manuals in the guidance office.

Renee Stringer
Steve Struben
Cynthia Stuckey
Stacy Sullivan
George Tan

Julie Tan
Brenda Tarver
Karen Taylor
Stuart Taylor
Terry Temple

Gary Thomas
James Thompson
Tracy Thornhill
Lisa Thrailkill
Alisa Thurman





Lisa Tippen
Gary Underwood
Lesley Underwood
Linda Underwood
Tonya Usrey

Brett Vance
Joe Vasquez
Ray Venters
Dona Verrett
Jeffrey Wages

Jody Waldrop
Tracy Waldroup
Kala Walker
Nicky Waugh
Amy Webb

Donna Welch
Mitchell West
Eddye Westbrook
Barbara Westfall
Lane White

David Williams
Rebecca Williams
Ronnie Williams
Walter Williams
Susan Wilson

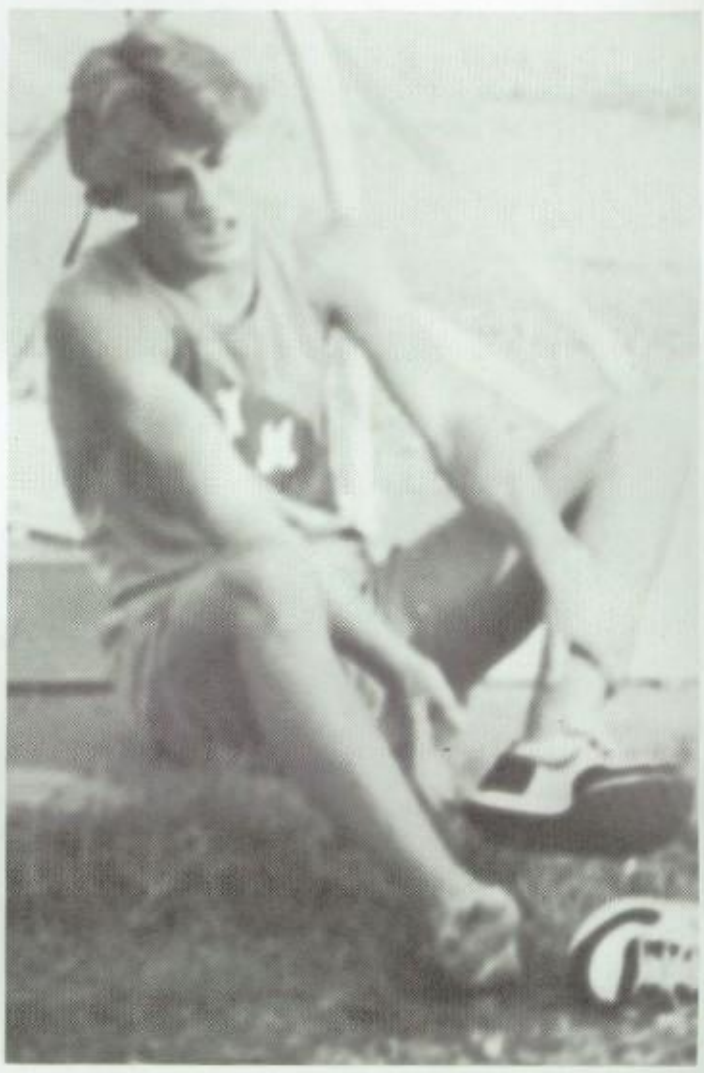
Tammy Wink
Marti Winters
Wendi Wisenor
Matt Word
Guy Yarbrough

Kerri York
Karen Young
Sharen Young
Tammie Zeigler
Rebecca Zimmer

IN TROUBLE-Shereada Minnifield reports to Mr. Allen for accessive tardies and receives 4 days detention for her punishment.

TIRED FEET-Having completed the district rally, Chet Chiles pauses beneath the stadium tower to remove his shoes.

LOOKING GOOFY-At an Octagon sign painting party, seniors Chip McNeil, Kathy Abbott, Cathy Ray, and Carolyn Bennett find time to goof off.



Question of Work Or Play Looms

After Graduation

Following the 8 p.m. graduation ceremonies May 17, seniors will go in different directions for work or vacations using graduation as an excuse to delay work or college.

Graduating from high school is an ending of many things, but it is also a beginning for most students. It is a sad time for seniors leaving many friends and memories behind, but the idea of meeting new people and making more memories is promising.

Seniors will no longer be the "top level" of high school, but instead, will be at the lowest level, that of beginning freshman and the bottom rung of career ladder.

Jobs may be difficult to find, because of the present economice situation. "The world is changing and the need for jobs is limited. They may have to be prepared in making adjustments in life's goals," said Mrs. Jane Johnston, the sponsor of the senior class.

Whether it be trade school, college, work, or even marriage, most seniors have plans for their future. For Stuart Taylor and Albert Sims, trade school is their future plans. "I plan to work and go to trade school to study mechanics," commented Stuart. Some plan to work immediately. Mark Wilson said, "I am going into the offshore oil business or engineering." Marriage is the next step for some seniors. "After getting married in August, I want to go to trade school and major in banking," said Hope Myers.

Tommy Malmay commented, "I want to get married and go to college and major in music."

Others such as Kim Adams and Dorothy Brakefield have been saving for a long-anticipated, senior trip to Florida.

FULL VOLUME- Showing their school spirit, the senior class yells with enthusiasm at a pep rally.

A QUICK REST- Before running for distance, Nicky Waugh takes a minute to talk to his girlfriend LeAnne Corley.

TOTAL CONCENTRATION- In Mrs. Saulsbury's room, Jim Douglas constructs a sweatshirt for a grade.

Students in room 204 learn:

DON'T CROSS THE LINE

Room 204 fills as juniors enter hourly Like the juniors in any of four other American history classrooms, they are completing a social studies unit required for graduation.

THE BOUNDARY — Where the tile meets the carpet in room 204 is the "line" that students, once inside, do not cross, except in "dire emergencies."

Allison Adair
Scotty Adams
Kirk Albritton
Gary Aldridge
Michelle Aldridge
Tammy Alford
Dallas Allen
James Anderson

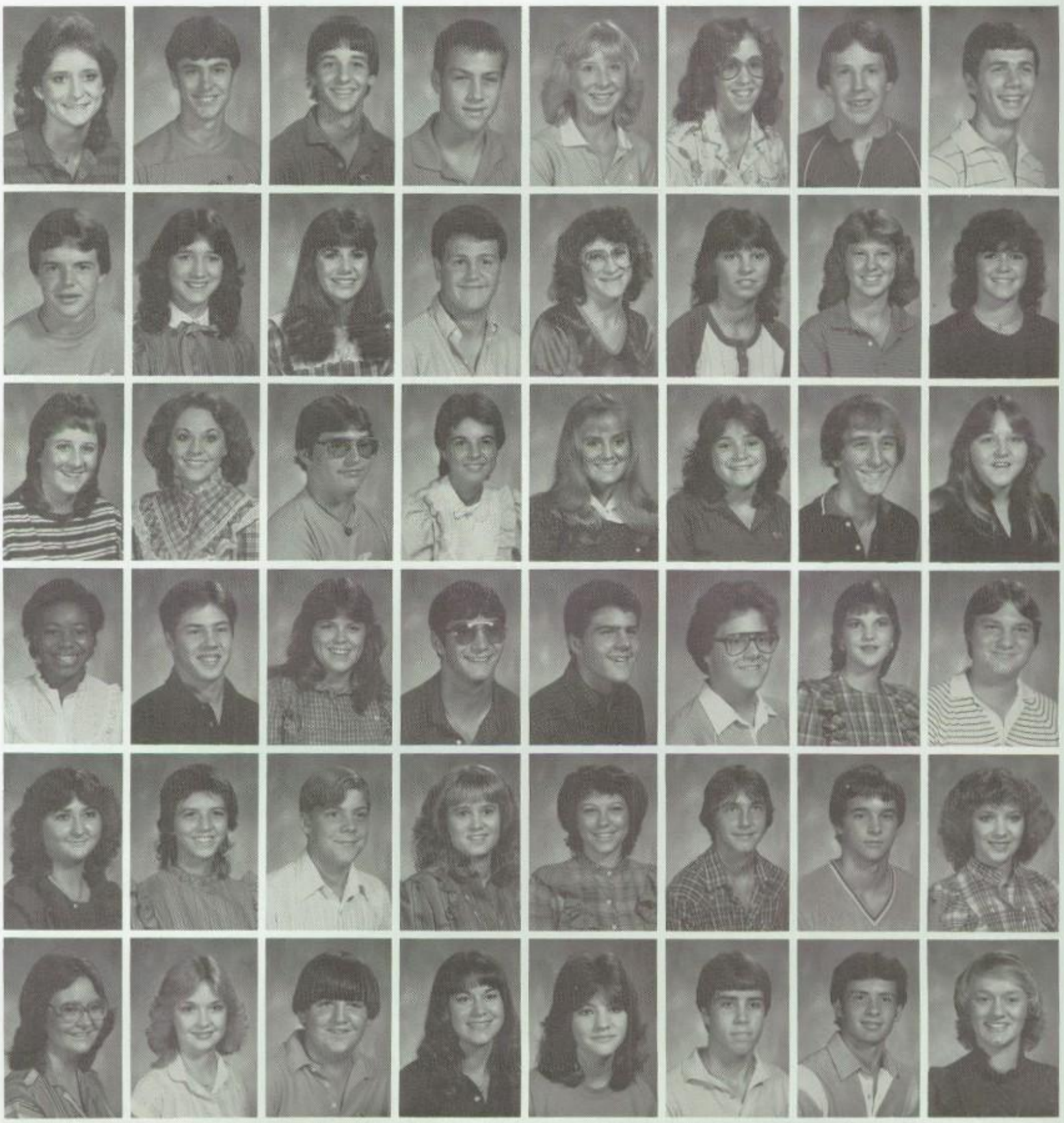
Steve Anderson
Tracie Armstrong
Kandy Auger
Jamie Bass
Marilyn Baugh
Tammy Baugh
Amy Bayles
Kim Bayles

Jennifer Beebe
Kim Bennett
Tom Benton
Kim Berry
Lisa Bilton
Tina Birkicht
Andy Bishop
Kim Bledsoe

Yolanda Bluford
George Bohannon
Renee Bonner
Bobby Bordelon
Terry Bostick
Tim Boute
April Bounds
Don Bowen

Paris Boyd
Kelly Boyett
Ronald Branch
Julie Brandon
Deanna Brown
Kenny Brown
Kenneth Brown
Ronda Brown

Cheryl Brown
Janice Burkett
Jerry Burrows
Susan Bunn
Cathy Butler
Brad Calhoun
Kevin Calhoun
Sheila Caples



What makes these students unique is the admonition they receive from the instructor, Mr. James Warner. From the first day of class, he informs his students on precedures to be followed during their 55-minute class period.

"Don't cross the line," is one of the warnings issued, and most students never violate the rule more than once, after they learn he "means business." A written assignment, varying in degree with the circumstances. of the violation, prevents repeated offenses.

The "line" is the boundary where the hall carpet meets the tile floor of his room. Once a student enters and crosses the "line," he may not leave the room "for any reason, except dire emergencies," stresses Mr. Warner. This "line" controls the traffic flow in his room, keeping it orderly and quiet.

Mr. Warner established the "line" when he began teaching as an attempt to instill self-discipline among his students. He expects his students "to behave" in his class.

"He doesn't put up with much, but he always manages to get his point across," said one of his students.

CROSSING THE LINE- When Tracy Jonson and Julie Brandon enter room 204 for American history, they cannot, except for "dire emergencies," leave until the final bell.

Don Carey
Brent Case
Penny Cash
Audra Chesney
Kim Clark
Rhonda Clark
Debbie Cody
Teresa Coleman

John Copes
Cathy Cordry
Shelia Coronado
Larry Coston
Sonya Cramer
Tina Creed
Jay Crowell
Brian Crump

Mary Cunnings
Paul Cunnings
Todd Cummings
Mickey Curry
Brian Daniel
Susan Davis
Thomas Davis
Terry Davis

Michelle Dean
Lisa Delrio
Tracy Diel
Gina Dison
Sonya Doane
Dianna Donaldson
Brent Downs
Johnny Duart

Richard Dunn
Lavonne Dustin
Les Dykes
Rob Edwards
Scott Edwards
Jeri Ellis
John Ellis
Robert Emory

Mike Ethington
Claire Evans
Clyde Evans
Darell Evans
Jutina Evans
Larkin Evans
Teresa Evans
Kevin Evans

Donna Farris
Theresa Faulk
Cam Fisher
Hilary Flock
David Flowers
Tracie Foote
Johnny Ford
Shane Foster

Scott Foust
Frosty Franks
Bubba Frantom
Randy Fuller
Charlene Fullerton
Tina Furlow
Florene Futch
Tracy Futch

Holly Garman
Todd Gaston
Darla Gathright
Alan Gault
Lisa Gibson
Tina Gilbert
Dewitt Ginn
Cindy Gist

Marti Glass
Susan Glass
Rhonda Glennon
Lori Godwin
Keith Gonzales
Ann Gray
Lisa Gray
Amanda Grazier

Todd Gregory
Allen Green
Danny Greenwell
Libby Gresham
Kenny Guillot
Kevin Gum
Debra Hale
Kim Hammons

Billie Hargrove
Lori Harrist
Deidre Hay
Jeff Hayward
Doug Hazard
Lori Hearn
Randy Heisler
Johnny Hembree

Young dancer likes to hear the

ROAR OF THE CROWD

The preparations and practice are all worth it for Mike Hollire when he hears the applause of the audience.

Mike, a junior, is an accomplished dancer, who performed several numbers in the musical "Kismet" at the Strauss Playhouse.

Mike became interested in dancing after watching old Fred Astaire and Gene Kelley movies and took his first lesson at age nine. Now in his seventh year of dancing, he is currently studying under Linda Lavendar Ford, and works with the Twin City Ballet Troupe.

Melonie Hendry
Lee Hennigan
Mark Hicks
Derek Hodnett
Kim Holton
Ray Holton
Paul Holzem
Allison Hood

Myra Howard
Michelle Howard
Tim Howard
Jennifer Hudnall
Linda Humphries
Ted Humphrey
Linda Jackson
Otis Jackson

Traci Jackson
Stephan Jennings
Cindy Jiminez
Kent Jinks
Brian Johnson
Jeannie Johnson
Kathy Johnson
Deniese Jones

Teresa Jones
Rusty Kaiser
Wendi Kapp
Keith Karr
Nick Kerrigan
Mark King
Ginger Knox
Blake LaComb

Mark LaGrone
Sam Langston
Morris Lary
Ann Lassiter
Jeff Lazenby
Chris LeBrun
Betty Sue Lee
Micheal Lawrence

Don Leonard
Michelle Lewellyan
Melissa Lewis
Michele Lewis
Crystal Lille
Joe Lindsay
Todd Little
Scott Lofton

Mike attended a dance festival in April 1982, and earned a $400 dance conference scholarship in New York City.

Preferring classical ballet, he has interests in jazz, tap, contemporary, and modern dancing. "Ballet is more of an art as well as being more challenging," he said, adding that ballet requires a great deal of self discipline. Mike noted that his instructor motivates him a great deal and combined with his desire to pursue his own goals. His greatest achievement in dance would be the absolute mastering of his technique, he said.

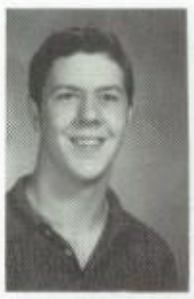
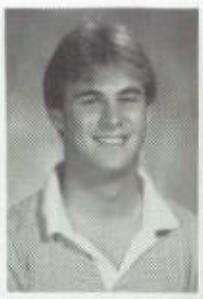
"You can't explain it," Mike commented on the feeling he gets on stage in front of a live audience, comparing it to "conquering the world." His favorite Little Theatre roles have been in "Music Man" and "Fable Factory."

Mike is presently "playing around" in choreography, trying to develop his technique and personal style. He plans to work in the arts after graduating from WMHS, and is now working hard to get in shape. "I never could pick girl dancers up," Mike commented, but he said he now has the strength to do this.

DANCING AWAY— As her perfects his technique, Mike Hollier has developed physical strength to lift female dancers of the Twin City Ballet Troupe as they rehearse for an October performance.

GAG ME WITH A SPOON

Bryon Long
Robert Long
Slade Long
Joseph Magee

Tracy Magee
Donna Manning
Linda Manning
Kelly Mardis

Chris Martin
Larry Martin
Terri Martin
Chuck Martindale

Vickie Mason
David May
Michelle Mayo
Sharon McBroom

Don't be offendèd if you are walking through the halls of WMHS and someone refers to your clothes as "radical," just take it as a compliment.

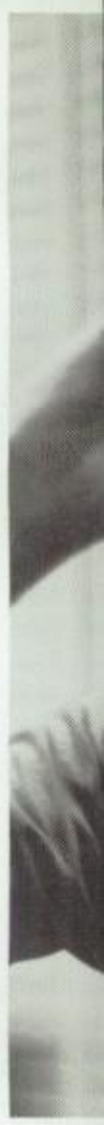
Slang expressions which have become part of WMHS are dialect attributed to a group of girls in California known as the valley girls. This group of girls began developing the language during the summer, calling themselves Valley Girls.

Many of this year's juniors might appear quite "hacked" after the big English III test, which was "grody to the max." Students in the cafeteria rarely just eat, they either "chow down," "pig out" or "grub."

Occasionally students react to some activities or comments as "barf out" with a "gag me with a spoon."

Don't be to surprised if you hear someone describe West Monroe varsity an junior varsity teams as being "bad," for they mean the Rebels are mean and tough. Others may call the Reb's "totaley awesome" and encourage them to "go for it."

After being "chewed out" by a figure of authority, one might be prompted to "just blow it off."



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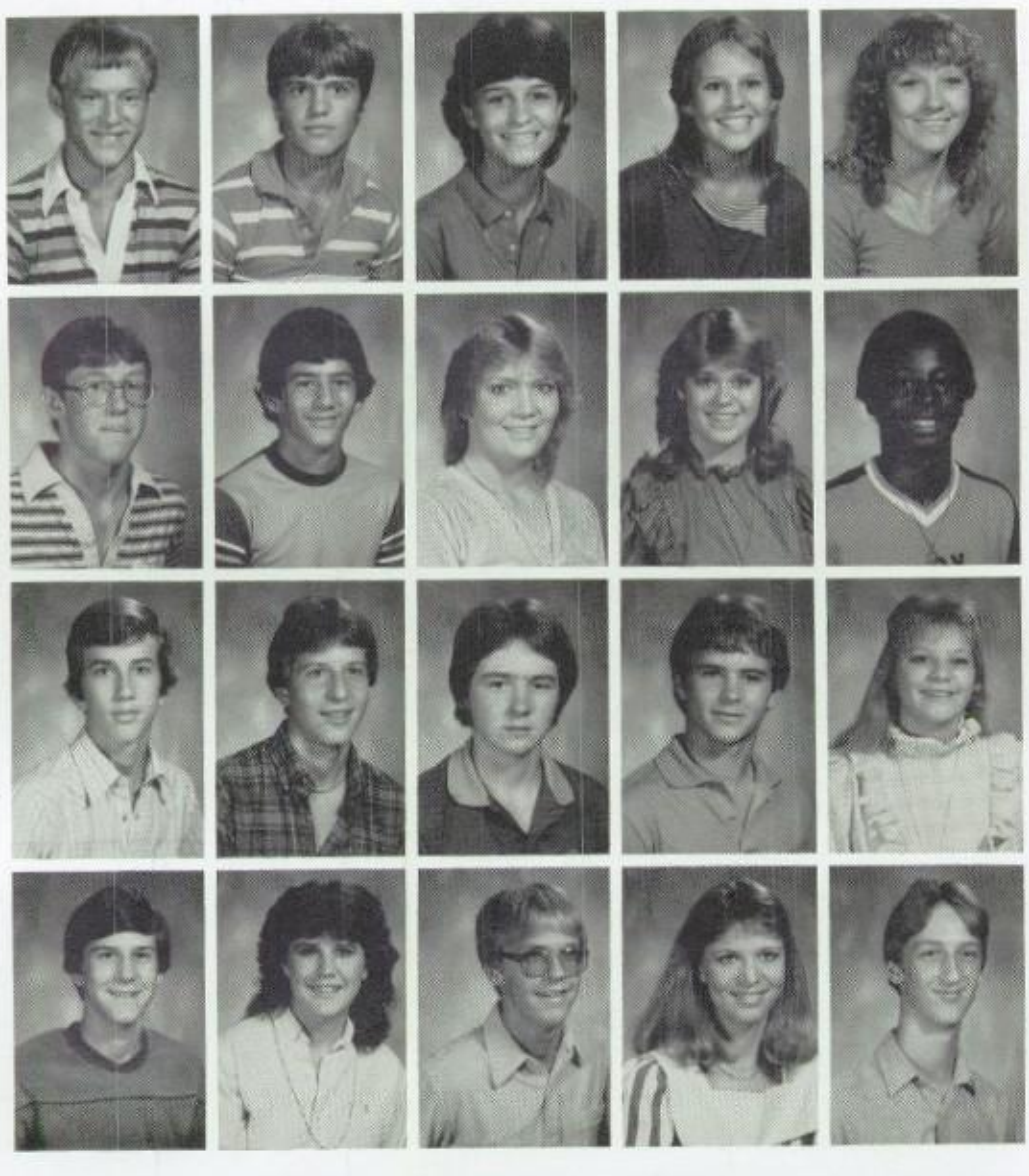
Preston McCarvil
Tracie McCrory
Mark McDuffie
Randy McGee
Susan McGee
Dwayne McGough
Sean McLaughlin

Debbie McCasland
Amy Meadows
Phil Middleton
Judy Miller
Mark Miller
Mark Milstead
Shereadea Minniefield
Bob Mitchell

Kevin Mobley
Cindy Moore
Dawn Moore
Lisa Moore
Lisa Morris
Robbie Morrison
Judy Mckleroy
Tom Mulhearn

Tommy Murphy
Mike Murphy
Charity Myers
Bobby Myles
Andre Nelson
Tim Nelson
Carolyn Newsom
Fred Norman

ZAPPED — Scott Lofton follows the advice of Moon Unit Zappa in her recent single "Valley Girls."



Billy Nugent
Paul O'Briant
Laurie Ochs
Felicia Odom
Sandy Odom

Danny Orr
Tommy Orr
Peggy Osborn
Dewana Otts
Johnny Outley

Benjie Owens
Chris Owens
Kevin Parker
Jake Parks
Kim Peters

Daymon Peterson
Tammy Pettis
John Phillips
Dawn Pippens
Keith Pittman

Joey Pleasant
Wanda Powers
Stephanie Prator
Sharon Pratt
Debbie Prestridge
Ronald Prestridge
Ricky Purvis
Kristi Ramsey

Cathy Rayburn
Kevin Rea
Mona Reed
Rhonda Regan
Sha Renfro
Melanie Reppond
Jodi Richardson
Lisa Roberts

Greg Robinson
Tammy Robinson
Debbie Rogers
Sean Rogers
Toni Rogers
Jamie Roye
Rex Rugg
Jamie Russell

Brenda Rutledge
Kevin Rutledge
Anglea Samples
Denver Sams

Mike Sanders
Steven Sanders
Lori Sanderson
Cleve Saxon
Lyn Sealy
Laura Scott
Robert Shannon
Michele Shelton

Dwan Shrum
Mark Sikes
Susan Sills
Gerald Simms
Kevin Sistrunk
Lisa Smith
Tracie Smith
Stacey Smith

Lynn Socha
Terri Soos
Lisa Spillers
Craig Spivey
Crystal Stein
Melonie Stephenson
Scott Stewart
Angela Stratham

Donn Sullivan
Ronnie Sullivan
Shie Sullivan
Sonya Sullivan
Kevin Tanum
Carol Thames
James Thigpen
Scott Thomas

William Thomas
Connie Thompson
Hank Thurston
Lori Tidwell
Rhonda Tisdale
Jeannie Titsworth
Mike Treno
Lori Trichell

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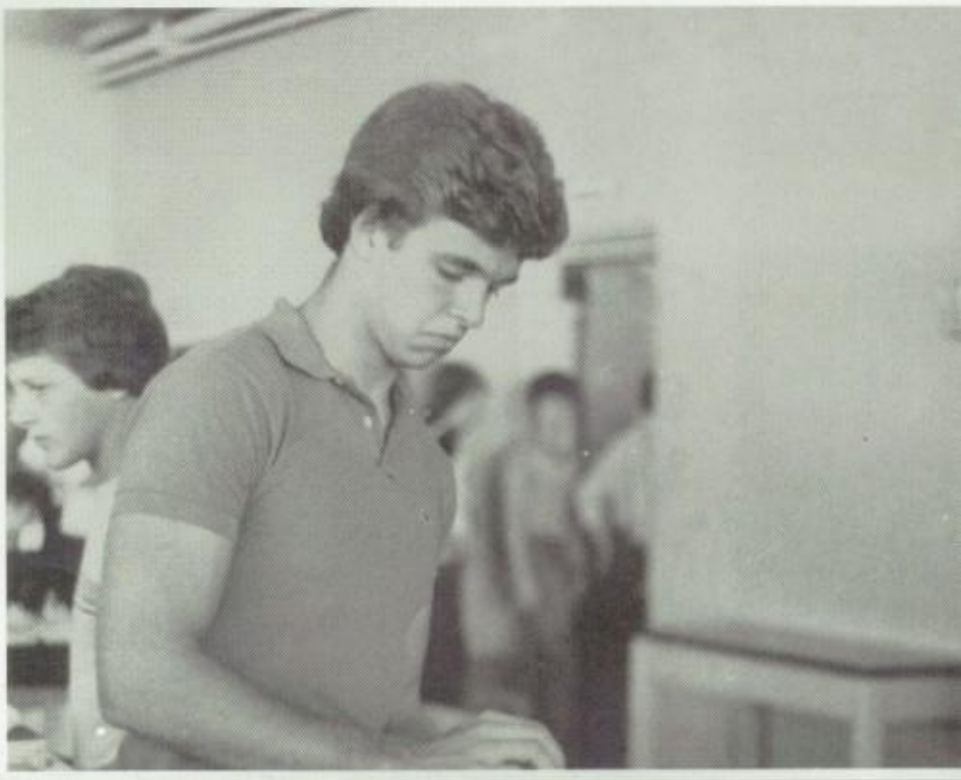
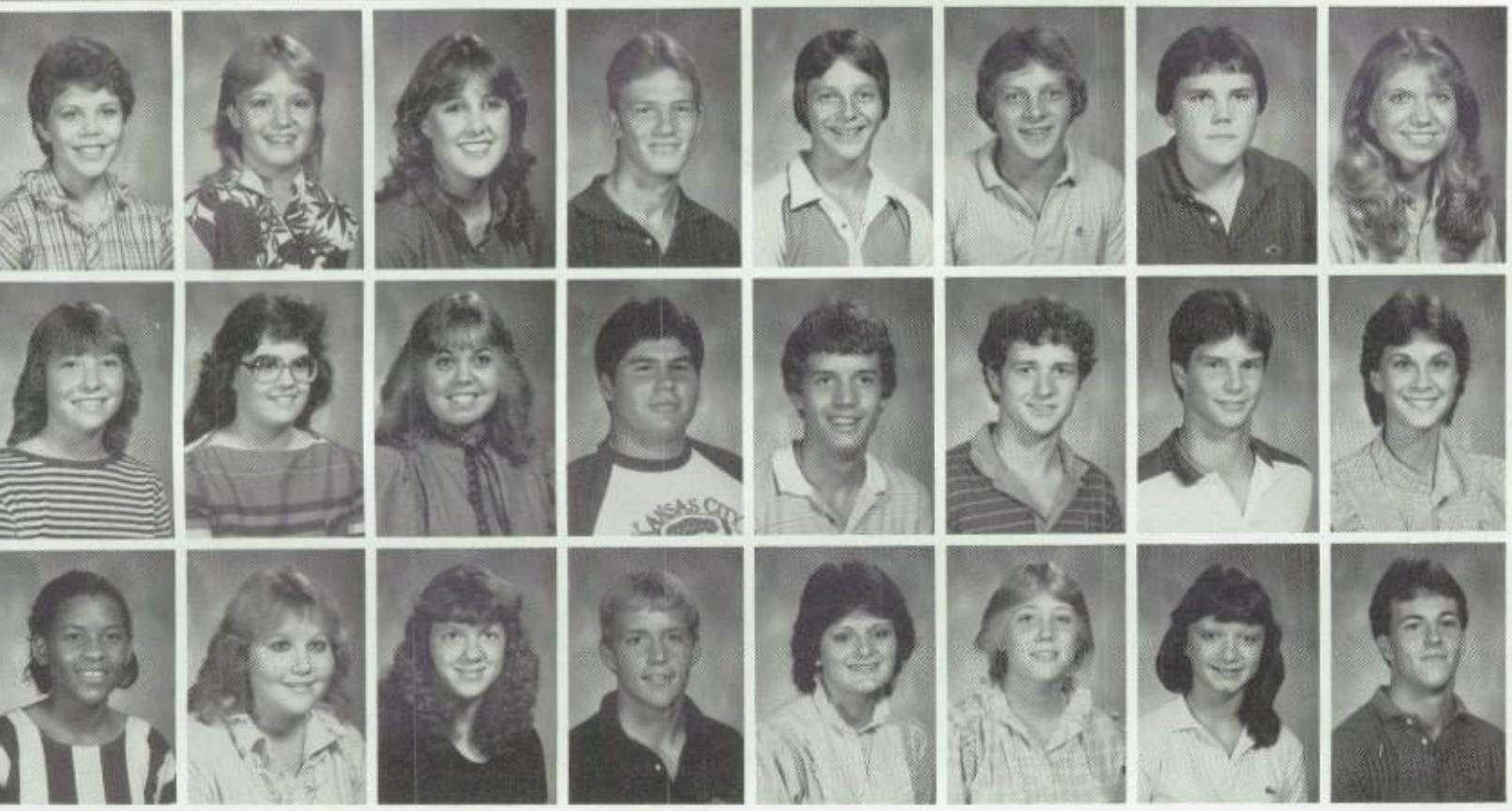


JUST A LITTLE DAB — Before he sits down, Scott Edwards adds mayonnaise to his hamburger during first lunch shift.



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Willian Winn
Stacey Wisenor
Mike Womack
David Woods
Cynthia Woods

Wilma Woodward
Kim Worley
Gina Wyatt
Gary Yarbrough
Ginger Young
Nita Young
Becky Zeigler
Paul Zeisel

Magic of 16th birthday decreases as one becomes

JUST ANOTHER YEAR OLDER

In the voice of "Jack and Diane," John Cougar expresses a feeling every junior at WMHS can understand: "Stay 16 as long as you can."

"Sweet 16 and never been kissed," a traditional phrase of the '50's doesn't carry the magic it used to. The 16th birthday was a turning point in life, from a child's lifestyle to that of one near adulthood. But today's young people have already changed lifestyles by age 16.

Although the magic doesn't have the magnitude it used to, turning 16 is still cherished by some.

Even though tragedy struck for Allison Adair when her house burned down two days before her "sweet 16," she still was "delighted by the party" given to her by her friends.

A first date at 16 is somewhat rare these days, but to Ginger Knox, it was a thrilling experience.

"Most people think of it as getting one year older, but to me turning 16 was exciting," Tracie Futch explained.

Instead of a special celebration for her 16th birthday, Kim Bennett sat throughout a humid homecoming night. As a member of Rebelettes, she had to attend the game or receive demerits, something she definitely didn't want as a birthday gift.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY — Unable to celebrate her special occasionin her own preference, Kim Bennett cheers the Rebels on during the Homecoming game played on her birthday.

Randy Adams
Shannon Aikens
Chris Ainsworth
Tina Anding
Beth Antley
David Arnold
Wendy Arnold
Jerry Arrant

Mike Austin
Carrie Bailey
Leo Balsamo
Greg Bamburg
Shane Banks
Robert Barlow
Jamette Barnard
Lisa Barr

Mickey Barrett
Johnny Baxter
Mark Beard
Terri Bearden
Scott Beaver
Sarah Beckley
Cindy Becton
Amber Bell

Donnie Bell
Troy Bell
Brian Belmont
Chris Bennett
Toby Berry
Michelle Bickford
Richard Biggers
Debbie Black

Ricky Blankinship
Scarlett Blazier
Jackie Boland
John Bolton
Melissa Bond
Stephanie Bonds
John Bone
George Booth

Keith Boseman
Darryl Boutwell
Debbie Boyd
Doyle Boyd
Karen Boyd
Rhonda Branch
Tim Brandon
Darrion Branson

Chris Brasher
Sonya Breaux
Jeffery Brewer
Rhonda Bridwell
John Briley
Jay Brooks
Becky Broom
Valarie Brossett

Bobby Brown
Christine Brown
Lori Brown
Pam Brown
Malcolm Brownell
Melissa Bruno
Doug Bryan
Jason Burke

Julie Byrd
Mark Smith
Dana Cady
Dawn Cady
Kevin Carroll
Molly Carson
Diwana Carter
Jeff Cascio

Debbie Cast
Barbara Chavers
Steve Clampit
Kristie Clark
Larry Clark
Chris Clarke
Kenny Coates
Clint Coleman

Robin Collinsworth
Larry Conville
David Copes
Kristie Cook
Lisa Cook
Tamara Cotten
Lisa Courtney
Kenny Covington

Chris Cox
Sharon Craft
Shane Craighead
James Crain
Paul Crain
Ann Crawford
Steve Crawford
Suanne Crawford

Angie Crowell
Lavona Crowell
Pam Crowell
Christy Cummings
Timothy Cummings
David Curry
Hal Davis
Roy Davis

Tim Davis
David Dean
Danell Deason
Joey Deloach
Donna Delukie
David Dement
Whitney Dewees
Butch Dicks

NICE AND EASY — With her locker near the library, Angela Howard finds that keeping her books in order helps her get to class on time.

Orderly lockers have everything

IN ITS PLACE

Stacked or packed? Which do sophomores prefer for their lockers? Whether one is a neat, orderly person or a less organized individual, the method of housekeeping in the locker can reflect the personality.

"I don't have a locker, but I share with somebody. We really don't pay that much attention to neatness. We're always in such a hurry that we just throw our books in the locker and grab books to scurry off to the next class," commented Jeff Cascio. Many other sophomores share similar experiences as their share lockers to be able to get to class on time.

Upstairs, downstairs, main building, or annex: lockers are located virtually every where and are assigned on the basis of the first period class location. Woe to the soph whose only class upstairs requires that he have an upstairs locker.

"My locker is empty most of the time because my books are either scattered around in other people's lockers, being borrowed, or even lost," commented Gary McManus.

Others, however, prefer to keep an orderly locker. "A place for everything and everything in its place has always been my motto," said Angela Jones. "The books in my locker are neatly stacked by subjects: biology, English, and then geometry. The lock on my locker insures that my books will remain there they have been placed."

Keeping the same idea, Sonja Strickland said, "My locker usually is stacked . . . I usually put my books in the order of my classes."

"My locker is packed completely to the top with books. I share my locker with four other girls . . . " noted Sarah Beckley.

Cindy, Lindy, and Wendy Young are 'best friends,' proving that

THREE'S COMPANY

The first triplets ever born at Glenwood Medical Center are sophomores this year at WMHS. Lindy, Cindy, and Wendy Young are also the first triplets to attend WMHS.

Only two of the girls are in the same class and that is ROTC. However, because of physical similarities, Cindy and Wendy previously had switched some classes.

Sharing clothes is not the only advantage of being a triplet. As sisters, they consider themselves "best friends." However, each does have a distinctive personality, as they describe themselves and each other: Cindy is more athletic, Wendy is more "ladylike," and Lindy is "more talkative."

Each morning as the triplets prepare for school, they share the same bathroom mirror, not only among themselves but with two other sisters, one older and one younger than they.

To identify them when they were babies, their mother used different colored diaper pins, and even though they do occassionally dress alike, most people have no difficulty is identifying them.

How do they feel about all of the attention they receive? "I love it; it make me feel good," commented Cindy.

THREE'S A CROWD Three pairs of hands are better than one, especially when it comes to kitchen duty as Cindy, Wendy, and Lindy Young make breakfast.

Karen Donald
Joe Drost
Brenda Drumgool
Tony Duchesne
Lisa Duffey
Stephanie Duke
Chris Dukes
Apri Dulaney

Becky Dumas
Lisa Dunn
Paul Dyke
Slade Dykes
Travis Elland
Lisa Elledge
Cherie Elee
Lee Ellis

Charlene Elmore
Terry Emery
Bridgette Evans
Kim Evans
Tammy Evans
Connie Ezell
Fabian Faircloth
Greg Falls

Jack Fiscus
Ashley Fisher
Cheryl Flanagan
Kim Fleming
Eric Fletcher
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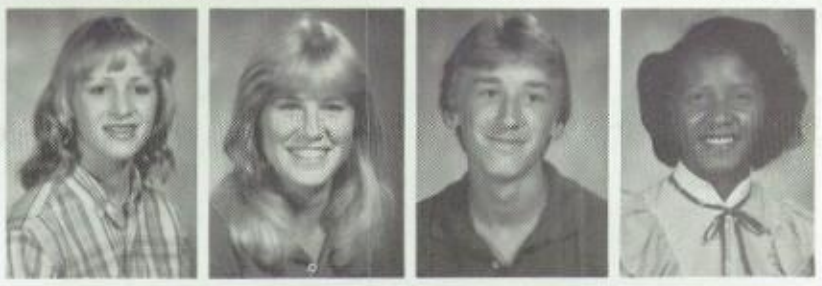
Byran Ford



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Dixie Foster
John Foster
Rickketa Franklin

Kim Franklin
Ginger French
Steve Frost
Sherry Fuller

Jarrett Futch
Patricia Futch
Gary Gallien
Kenny Gann

Fellicia Gant
Kevin Garrison
Doyle Gaston
Bryan George

Cindy George
Pam George
Kimberly Gibson
Cindy Gilbert

Tony Gilmore
Mandy Girlinghouse
Micheal Glover
Teresa Goodwin
Johnnie Gorton
John Graves
Todd Gray
Jackie Grazier

David Green
Mistie Green
Sheri Greene
Bobby Griggs
Chuck Griggs
Junior Griggs
Kay Guice
David Haddock

Lana Haddox
Marilyn Hailey
Brian Hair
Teddi Haisty
Lisa Haley
Tracy Hall
Tracy Hamel
Sharolyn Handel

Troy Harper
Kent Harrell
Julie Harris
Sherry Harris
Karen Hart
Lori Hart
Donna Hatten
Julie Havener

Sophs find themselves stepping in

FASHIONABLE FOOTWEAR

Fashion-conscious teenagers realize the significance of a complete outfit, from hairsyles to footwear. Comfort is footwear usually prevails at school, whether the style is Nike tennis shoes or casual top siders.

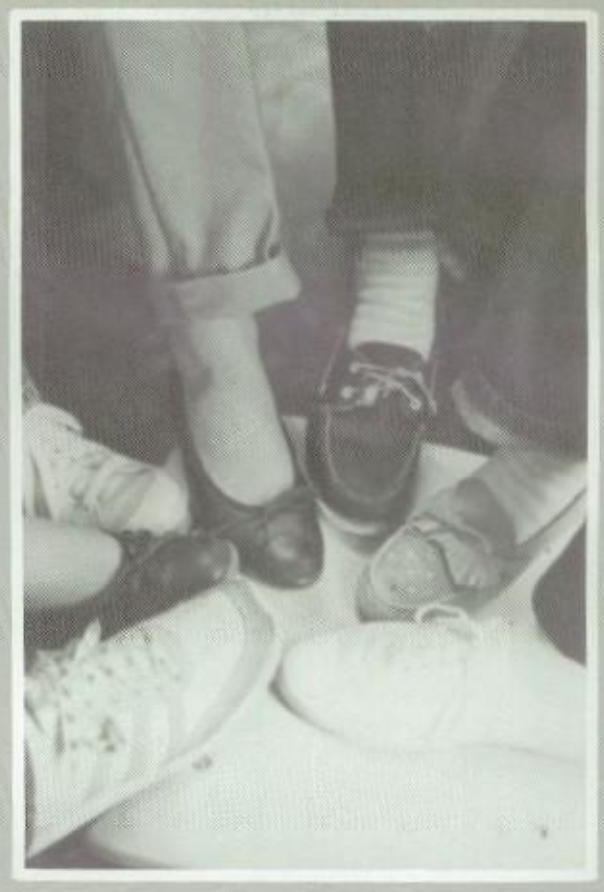
To complement almost any attire, shoe colors and fabrics range from bright to pastel to traditional blacks, browns, and tans, and in fabrics from corduroy to suede to leather.

Important also is the brand name, often found on the side or on the sole

Boots have retained their popularity as they vary from Western styles to roll-down styles for girls. Materials range from snake to alligator to ostrich. Dingo and Acme are among the top brands for Western boots, while Zodiac is a top name found on ladies' boots.

A return of the '60's style of "flats" for girls is now designated as "ballerinas" and come in a wide range of colors and heel variations.

Tassels. bows, and strings distinguish moccasin styles. Continuing their popularity are penny loafers and top siders, though the latter are more often seen without socks.



HIGH STEPPIN' — Socks or no socks, bows or tassels, shoes for sophs complement the comfortable school attire.

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Becky Hayes
Kim Haynes
Angie Head
Jeannie Heckford
Mark Hedge
Paul Henderson
Michael Henry

Michael Hibbard
Jeff Hicks
Jeff Hilburn
Troy Hilburn
Kent Hinton
Tonya Hislop
Jeff Hodge
Sharon Hodge

Truett Hodge
Barbara Hoff
Eric Holton
Angel Howard
Jim Howell
Lisa Hubbard
Rodney Hubbard
Sheree Hubbard

Theresa Huddleston
Wynne Huff
Barry Humphrey
Camero Irick
Larry Irving
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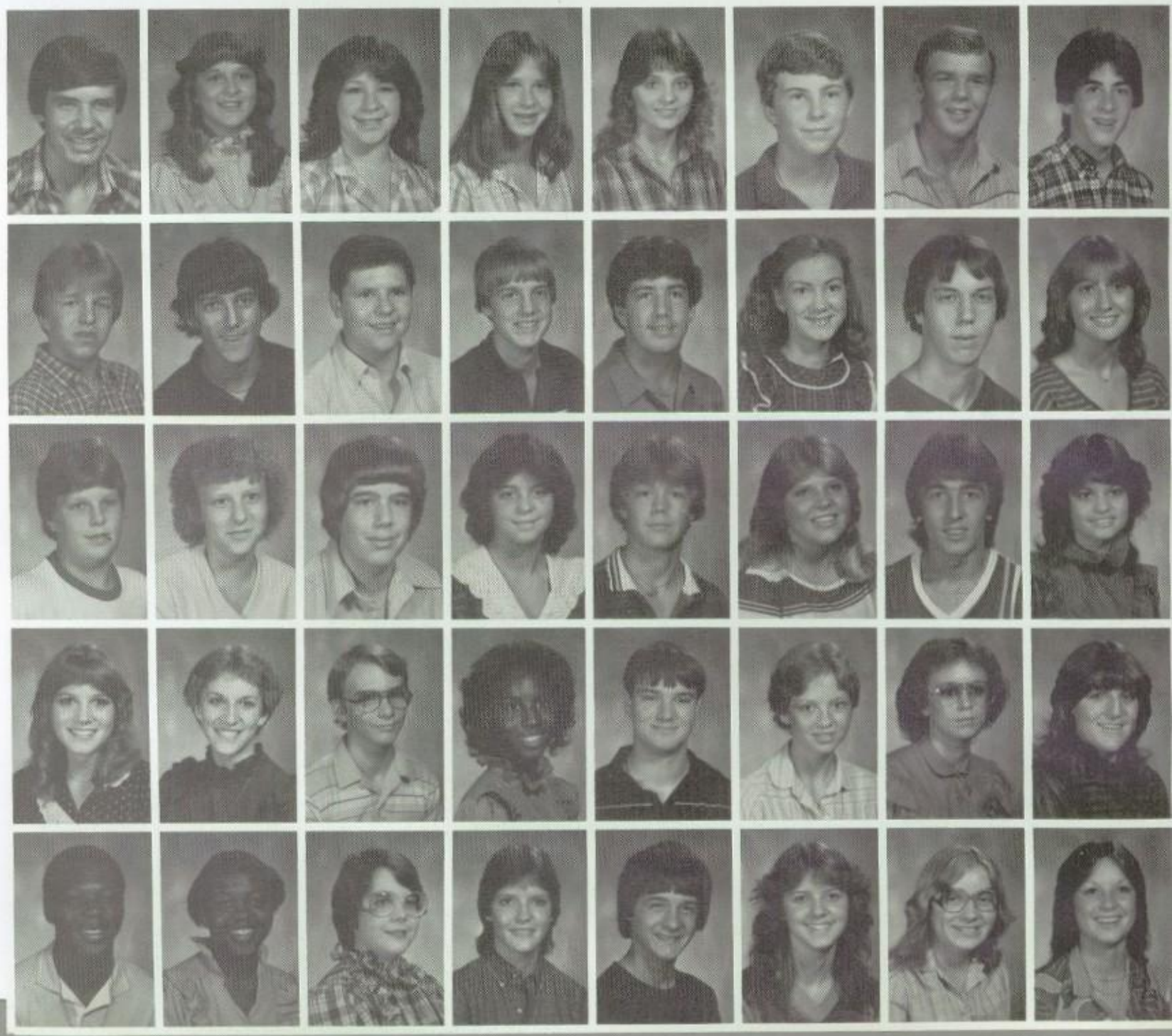
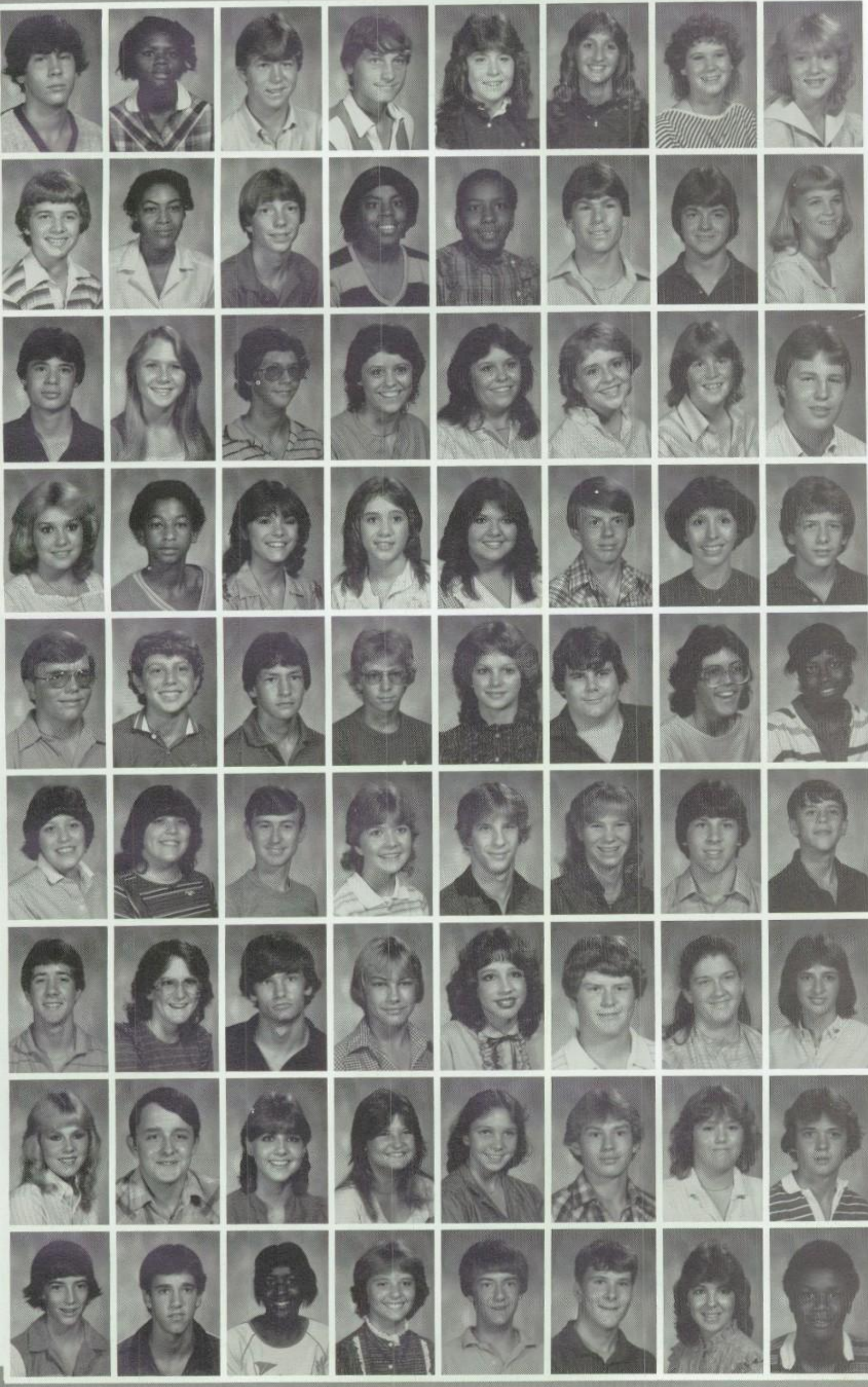
Vicki Jenkins
Angela Jones
Mike Jones
Tammy Jones
Vicky Jones





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Eric Johnson
Michael Johnson
Michelle Johnson
Tonya Johnson
Lisa Jordan
Rhonda Jungles

Stan Karr
Sharon Kendrix
John Kent
Connie King
Debra King
Lee King
Ryan King
Trina Korn

Burt Landry
Tami Lane
Trey Lankford
Linda Lawrence
Martha Lawrence
Anita Lee
Lana Lee
Mark Leehy

Christy Lenard
Rovance Lewis
Shonda Lewis
Tammy Lewis
Alice Lindsay
David Lindsay
Sharon Lindsay
Ronnie Linder

Troy Littleton
Richard Loftin
Kyle Lopez
Kenny Lovelady
Mary Ann Loveland
Kim Lovett
Cherri Lowery
Marcia Manning

Kay Marley
Kim Marley
Paul Martin
Sherry Martin
Steve Martin
Monica Mason
Ron May
Scotty May

Brian Mayo
Linda McCarty
Ronnie McElroy
Tim McFarland
Cissie McKnight
Gary McManus
Michelle McManus
Sandy McMillan

DeAnn McMillon
Scott McNair
Wendy McNaughton
Gayla McVay
Lisa Mercer
Chris Miller
Tara Miller
Tommy Mims

Damen Minor
Larry Mock
Vera Modicue
Marianne Moore
Jodie Moorehead
Matt Moorehead
Amy Moreland
Craig Morgan

Cindy Morris
Diane Morrison
John Moses
Rhonda Moulder
Angela Murphy
Angie Murphy
David Murphy
Sherri Murphy

Lisa Murray
Reginald Myles
Amy Naff
David Naron
Kirk Nelson
Melinda Nelson
Joey Nicosia
Brett Nolan

Kerry Nolan
Mike Nolan
Kim Norman
Susan Nowell
John Obed
Kim Odom
Tim Oglesbee
Dawn Oglesby

Mark Ouchley
Guy Owens
Thurman Owens
Keith Palmer
Lee Ann Palmer
Dawn Pankey
Starr Pankey
Alfred Parker

John Parker
Randy Parker
Stephanie Parker
Cindy Patton
Judy Payne
Arnie Pearce
J. Pearce
Lisa Pearson killed in car accident

Kim Pepper
Blake Perkins
John Perkins
Warren Perkins
Amy Perot
Lisa Perron
Sonya Phillips
Teresa Pilcher

David Pinegar
Cathy Pippins
Kim Poe
Michelle Porter
Wendi Porter
Cindy Posey
Ronnie Powell
Nick Prime

Bubba Putman
Wandi Quinones
Kristy Radar
Melissa Ramsey
Tami Ratliff
Kevin Ray
Natalie Rayner
Pam Reed

Candace Reeves
LaVelle Reeves
Rebecca Redden
Billy Ray Renolds
Jan Richard
Todd Richardson
Bubba Roark
Lisa Roberson

Eric Robert
Everette Rodgers
Jason Rodgers
Kenny Rodgers
Jeannie Rogers
Kim Rogers
Kim Rogers
Pam Rose

Glenn Rountree
Darren Roye
Randy Russell
Shari Russell
Lori Ryals
Dan Sanders
Donn Sanders
Lynn Sanderson

Joey Saxon
Jerold Schmeer
Randall Scott
Kim Shepard
Jimmy Shaw
Gene Shelton
Joyce Shipp
Jeff Simon

Craig Simpson
Donna Sims
Terry Sims
Stacy Singletary
Alice Skipper
Kamile Smith
Paige Smith
Scott Strange

Paughnee Smith
Sandra Smith
Sandy Smith
Shannon Smith
Steve Smith
Todd Smith
Eric Snipes
Shawn Snyder

It may not be a big deal, but 14-year-olds want

A DRIVER'S LICENSE AT 15

"The day I turned 15, I got to look forward to getting my license. But now that I've had it awhile, I realize it isn't a big deal. All it means is that when your little sister needs to be taken to Brownies, or you brother needs to be taken to karate, or you run out of milk, you get stuck doing it,"

NOTHING TO SAY - Even though her car tells her when her fuel is low it doesn't tell Deidre Farr when she locks her keys inside as she found out.

commented Tiffany Fontana.

Getting a driver's license is the goal of most sophomores for their 15th birthday. Along with the license comes a car for some, as Lee Ellis, who went "car-shopping" with her dad and a few hours later had her car. Paul Henderson and Troy Littleton likewise received cars.

"This (getting a car) opened up a whole new world and a bundle of other responsibilities and privileges," said Troy.

A "talking" car was the gift for Deidra Farr, whose car tells her when the keys are in the ignition, when the lights are on, and when the fuel gets low.

A special family celebration is the way some sophomores anticipate their 15th birthday. A dinner at Clyde's on his birthday was the anticipation of Barry Humphrey.

Janet Stimac
Stacey Storm
Louis Strahan
Harold Strange
LeaAnn Strickland
Sonja Strickland
Brian Stuart
Rhonda Styles

Rusty Spillers
Barbara Sullivan
Scott Swanner
Jason Swinea
Adrian Talton
Gary Taylor
Joann Taylor
Kelly Taylor

Kim. Taylor
Vonda Taylor
Mike Teague
Bobby Tedford
Regena Tharp
Cheryl Thomas
Dianna Thomas
Jason Thomas

Larry Thomas
Mary Ann Thomas
Alicia Thompson
Jeff Thompson
Melissa Thompson
Krista Tidwell
Tracie Thurmon
Dawn Tolbird

Vicki Tolbird
Terri Tomlinson
Kim Torrey
Bobby Traweek
Gary Truett
Pam Turner
Tad VanZile
Glen Varner

Brian Vaughan
Tonya Vickery
Scott Vines
Ronnie Walker
Terry Wanger
Gary Ward
Todd Washer
Brenda Waterhouse

Mark Waters
Wendy Watson
Angela Weaver
Dewayne
Wedgeworth
Nicole Weems
Lonnie Welch
Scott West
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Bart Wheat
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Beth White
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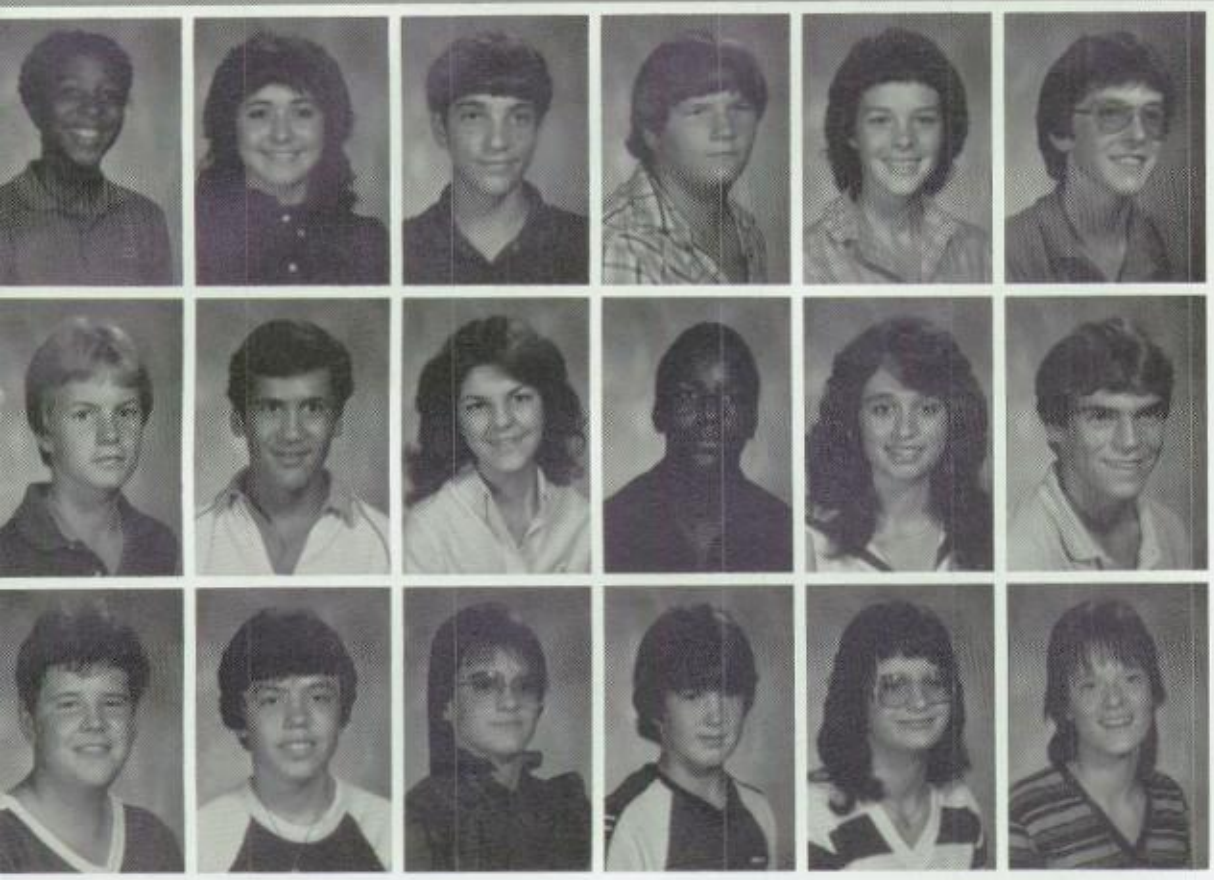

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Rhonda Williams
Steven Williams
Marvin Wink
Sandra Wink
Chris Winters

Scott Wollerson
Johnny Womack
Tammy Womack
James Wonzo
Amy Worsham
Jim Worthey

Shane Wright
Stacey Wyles
Cindy Young
Dion Young
Lindy Young
Wendy Young

From five feeder junior highs, sophomores

Unite into one: WMHS

A friendlier school, a larger school, and a school with more freedoms are among the immediate differences in WMHS and the five feeder junior highs, according to sophs.

"The main things that impress me most about WMHS from my junior high, Boley, is the size of the school and the student body. Last year most of the freshmen had the same teachers; this year I'm lucky if I have ever heard of them," said Jay Brooks.

Sharolyn Handel commented on the unity of the school, "Everyone is friendly and talks to you, even if you don't know you."

The two lunch lines offering a choice of meals appealed to many of the sophomores. "At Riser you had to take what they served you, but here you have a choice, whether you have a hamburger or whatever is being served in the other line," commented Pam George.

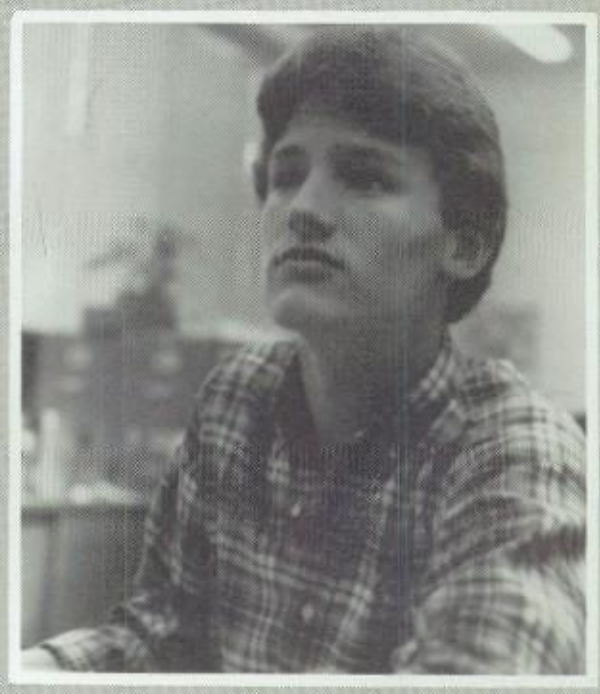
"I have found that there is a more pleasant atmosphere here. The people seemed to have settled and act friendlier," said David Lindsay.

One Soph's feelings summarized similar feelings expressed by classmates: "West Monroe is much more exciting than a junior high. There are more people, more clubs, and more excitement at the pep rallies. Everyday is filled with some kind of excitement."

DIFFERENT FACES — Being at WMHS enables Paul Henderson the chance to meet new people instead of "the same people every year" at this previous junior high school.

ALL IN ONE — For Larry Conville, West Monroe High School is the "first time all of my old, and some new, friends, are together in one school."

BIGGER AND BIGGER —Jay Brooks, coming to WMHS from Boley, is impressed most with "the size of the school and the student body."



ADS

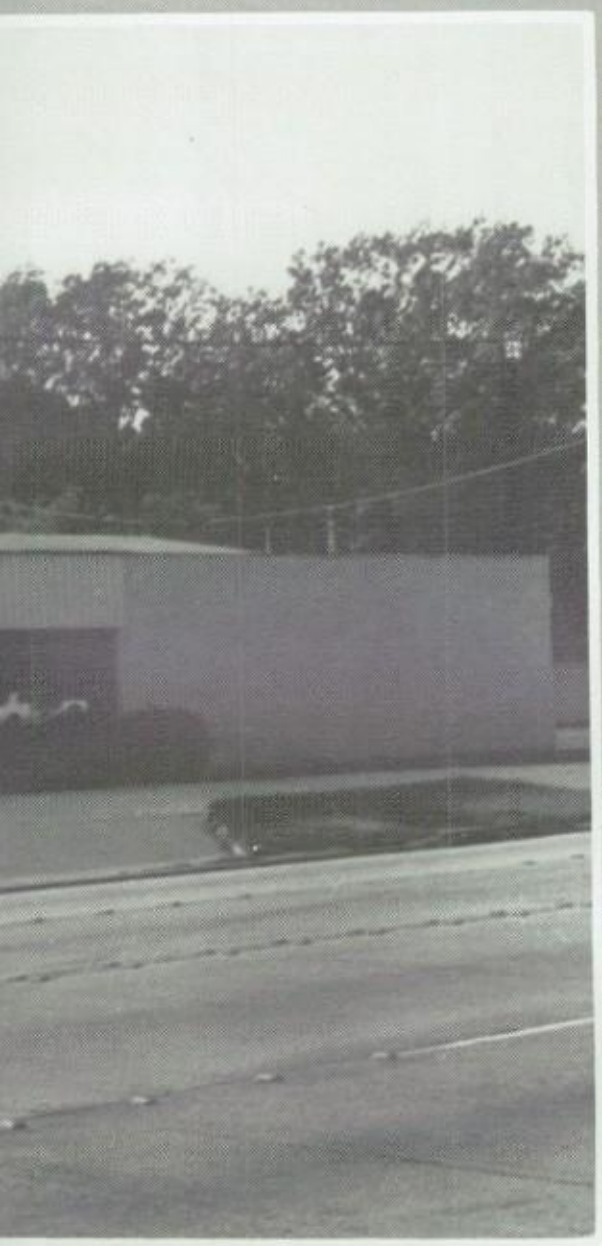
Community involvement has always been an essential pa of WMHS and its growth. Many of the same businesses continue to show support of the educational programs with visibile adver-

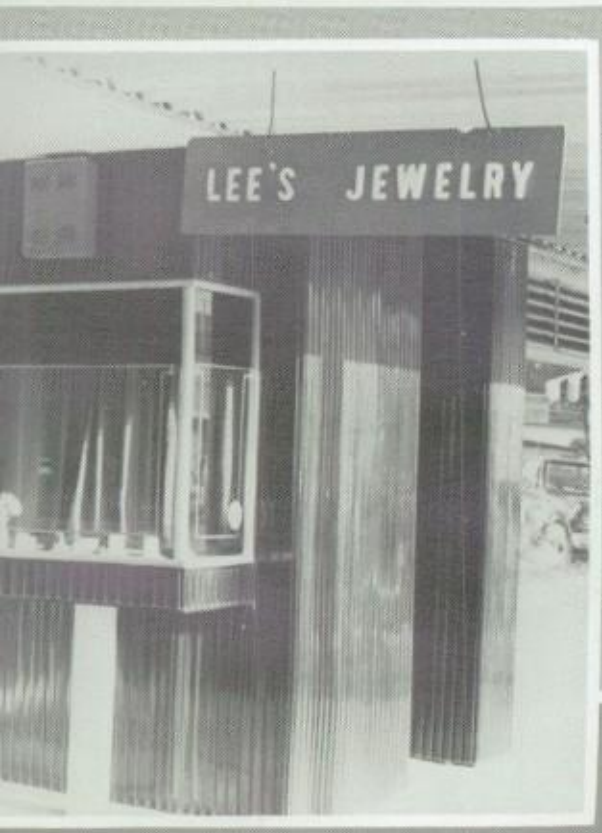
QUALILTY CLOSEBY— Just across the street from the stadium, **Quality Printing Co.** offers a wide range of printing services and supplies.

NEW LOCATION— Since their first ad 30 years ago, **Westside Flowers** has moved from it frame house on N. 6th Street to a modern ilding facing Pine Street.

ising in the Rebelaire.

Among the businesses advertising n the first yearbook, as well as in the 30th, are Quality Printing Co., KNOE, Lee's Jewelry, Louisiana Power and Light, Westside Flowers, Simmons Jewelry, Dairy Queen, Bancroft Bag, Frost Trailer Parts, and Steele Lumber Co. With the help of these and other merchants, WMHS has remained "Distinguished by the Gray."





ESSENTIAL SERVICES— Even without direct contact with **LP&L**, students are aware of the services provided by the power company, whose offices are just down N. 7th Street.

DOWNTOWN MERCHANT— One of the downtown merchants who has advertised continuously in the Rebelaire is **Lee's Jewelry**, located on Trenton Street.

Unusual soft drink machine

Thanks customers

Getting a soft drink could have caused some consternation if you approached one of the latest computerized Coke machines.

"Thank you for using our talking vending machine. Come back again," repeated the computerized voice in one of the 19 such Coke machines placed in the area. The talking machines is not expected to be a thing of the future, but it is a novelty, according to Mr. Bill Dampier of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

Some customers put money into the machines, just to hear the voice, he added. The Coke machines are moved around to different outlets because there is a waiting list of businesses wishing to have them.

CORRECT CHANGE —Inside, a taped message reminds customers to use the correct change, or thanks them for the purchase of a soft drink as Keith Briant discovered.

Palace department store closing leaves a

Downtown void

A paradox of bankruptcy and new construction affected most people in West Monroe during the last year.

Two major Twin Cities businesses were among those affected nationwide by Chapter 11 bankruptcy filings, as Manville Forest Products in West Monroe was a part of the Manville Corporation whose bankruptcy proceedings were announced Aug. 27, 1982. Many employees were laid off in an effort to insure the success of the corporation which was suffering from legal proceeding brought about by persons who claimed to have excessive exposure to asbestos. Nationwide, Manville laid off 591 workers from May through July.

When Wickes Corporation filed under the Chapter 11 bankruptcy claim, the Palace, which had operated in downtown Monroe for 79 years, closed its doors Dec. 22. Dependent upon charge customers and downtown business and financial customers, the Palace offered not only the six-story main building on DeSiard Street, but also an annex and parking lot behind the store.

CLOSED FOREVER — A downtown landmark in Monroe closed i late December when the Palace liquidated its inventory to go out of business where it had served the Twin Cities for almost eight decad

MODEL STORE — A parking lot for 480 cars was filled to capacity daily before Christmas at the newest location of a Wal-Mart, just off Thomas Road.

GROWING WEST — Expansion of shopping facilities continued westward along highway 80 as K-Mart became an anchor store in an added shopping center next to Safeway.

Construction in West Monroe

Increases choices

Seeing construction in West Monroe wasn't an uncommon sight in West Monroe, as the latest store in a nationwide chain opened and the foundation for expanded shopping areas continued to grow.

K-Mart, which began construction in the summer, was a part of a complex consisting of Sav-On Drugs and Howard Griffin Sound Center, which was located between Safeway and Pizza Hut.

Travelers through West Monroe watched as the Wal-Mart store, complete with garden shop, opened in November with service roads off McMillan Road and Thomas Road. Many people benefitted from the job opportunities available at the new businesses.

In the planning was a shopping mall of 450,000 to 650,000 squard yards, adjacent to the Wal-Mart. A major significance of the construction to the community was the increased revenue from sales taxes.

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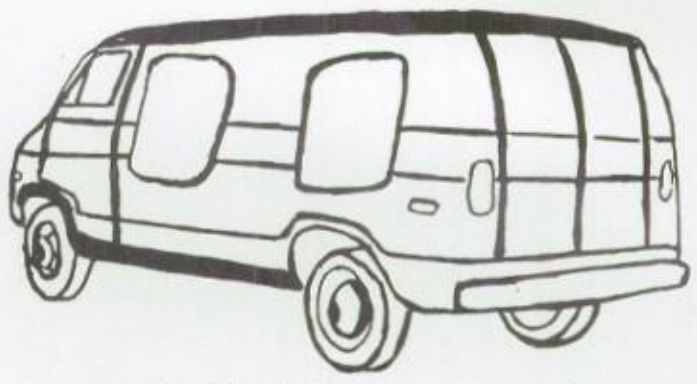

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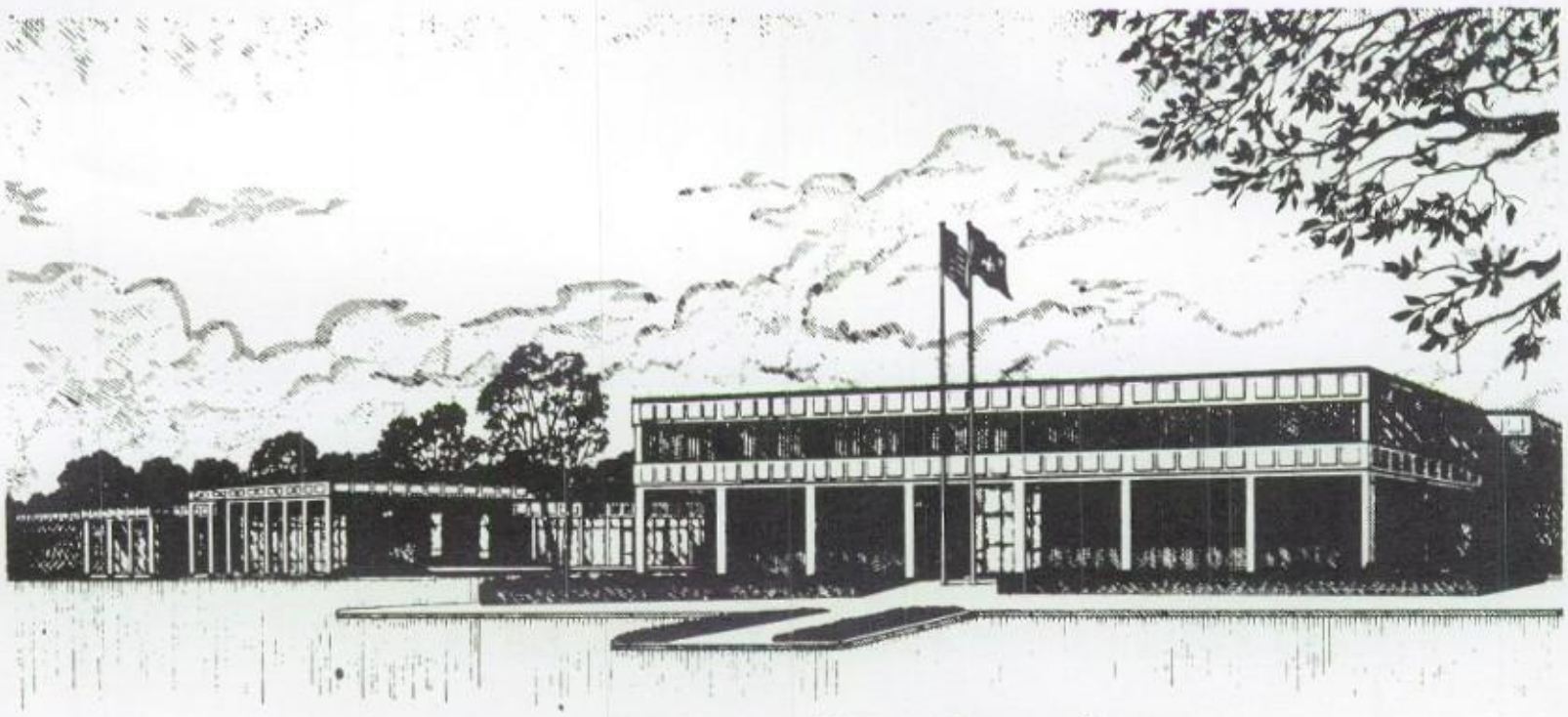

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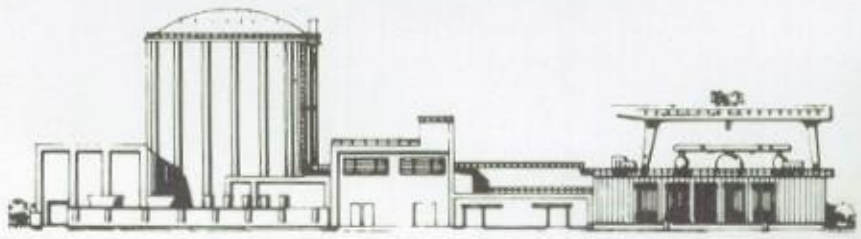

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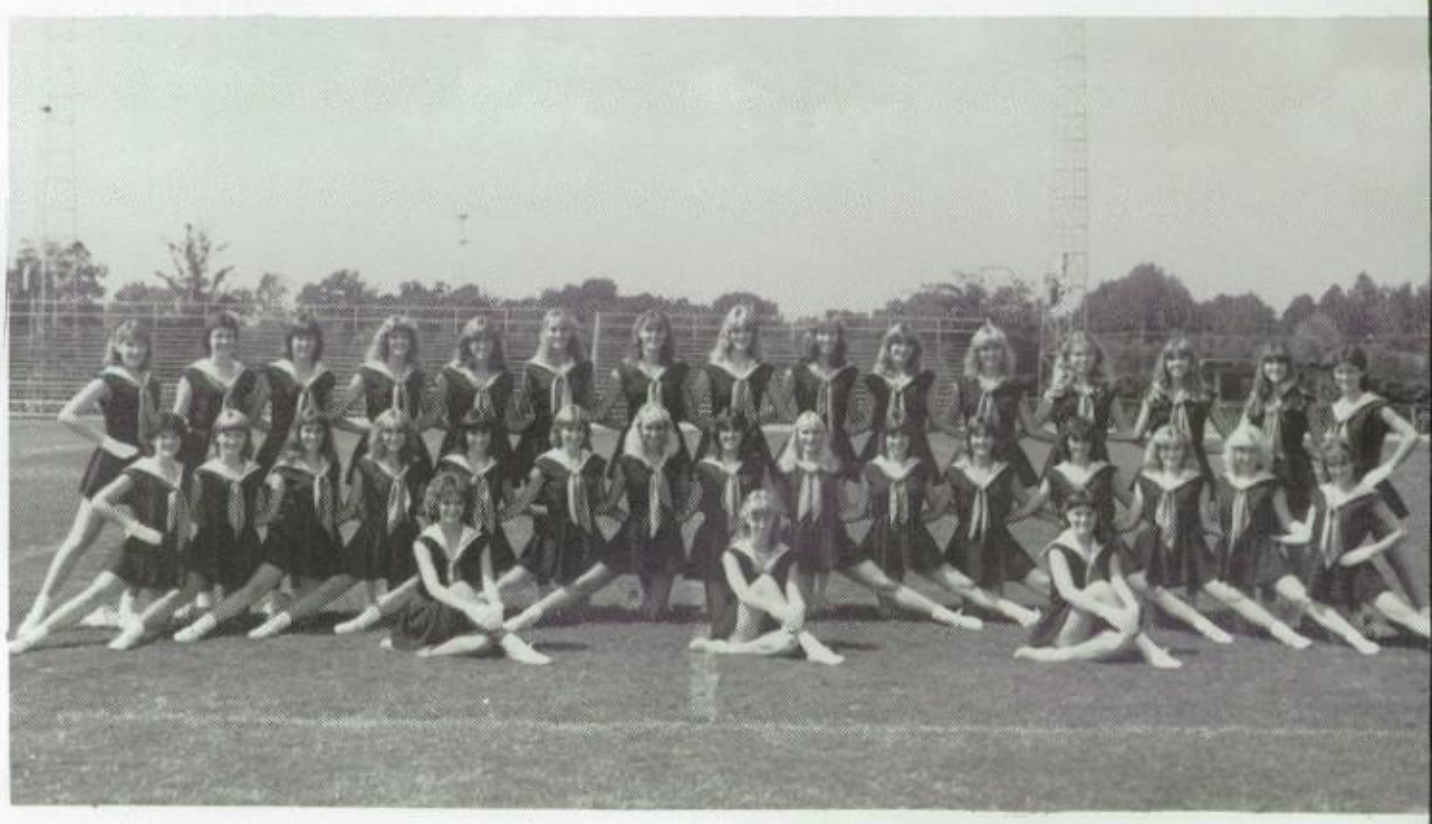

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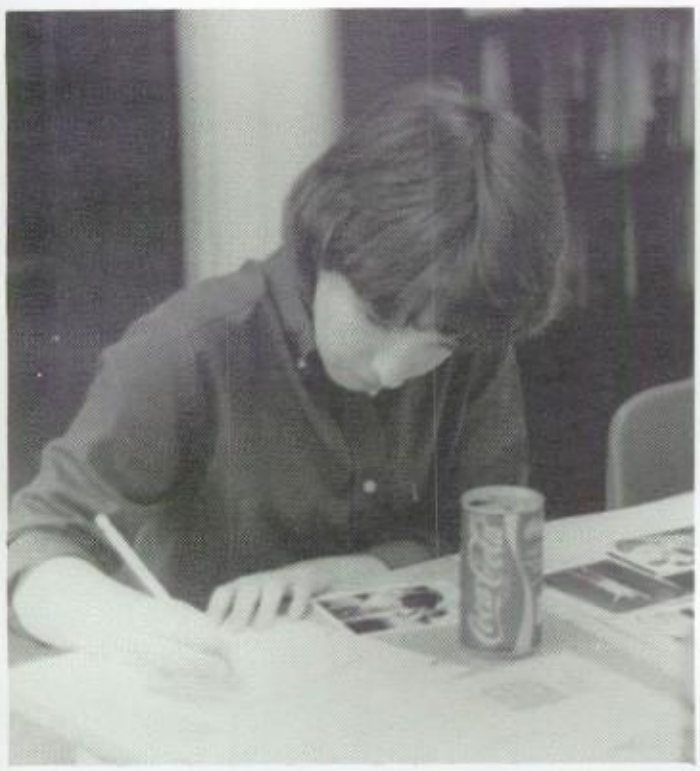

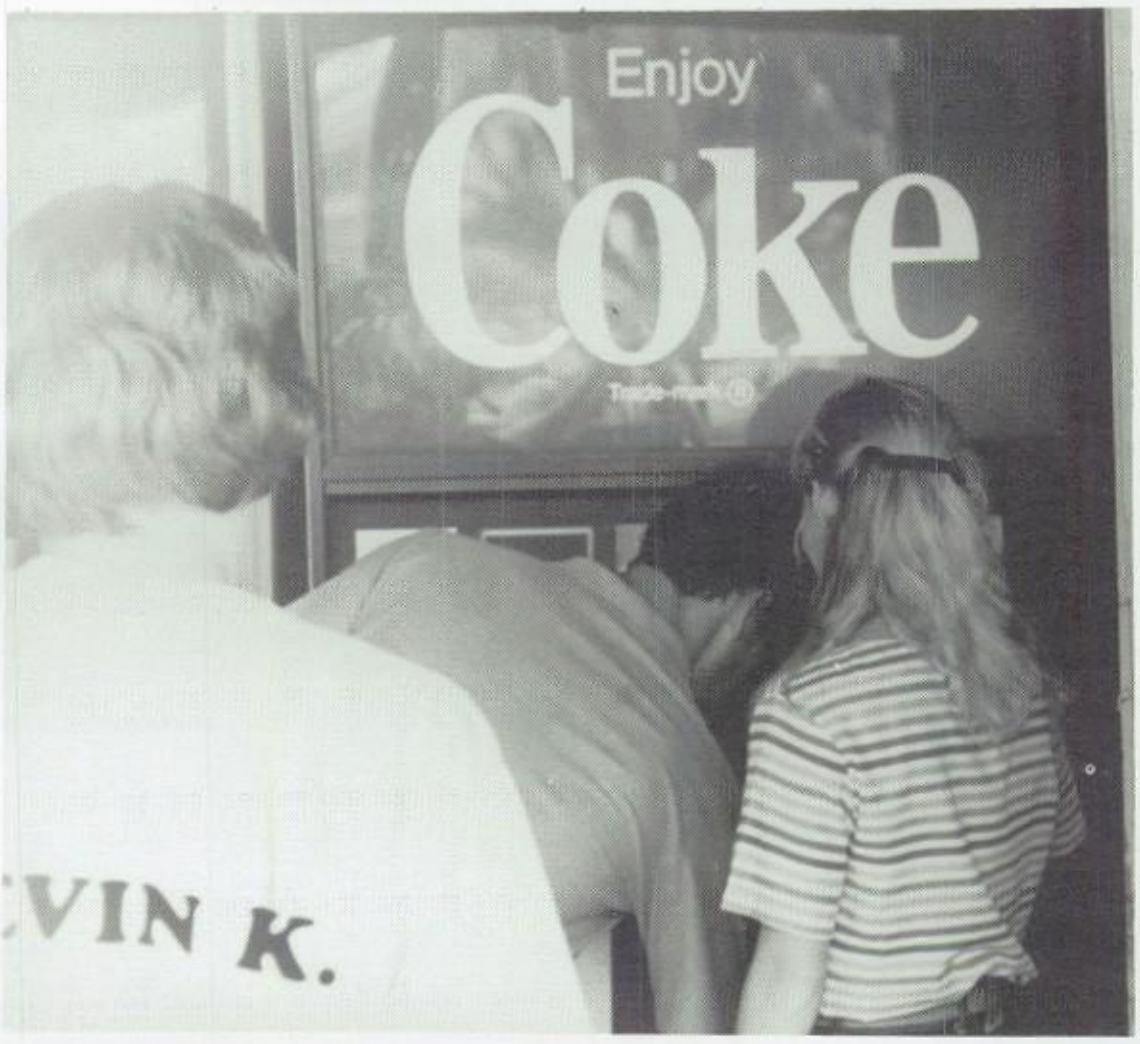

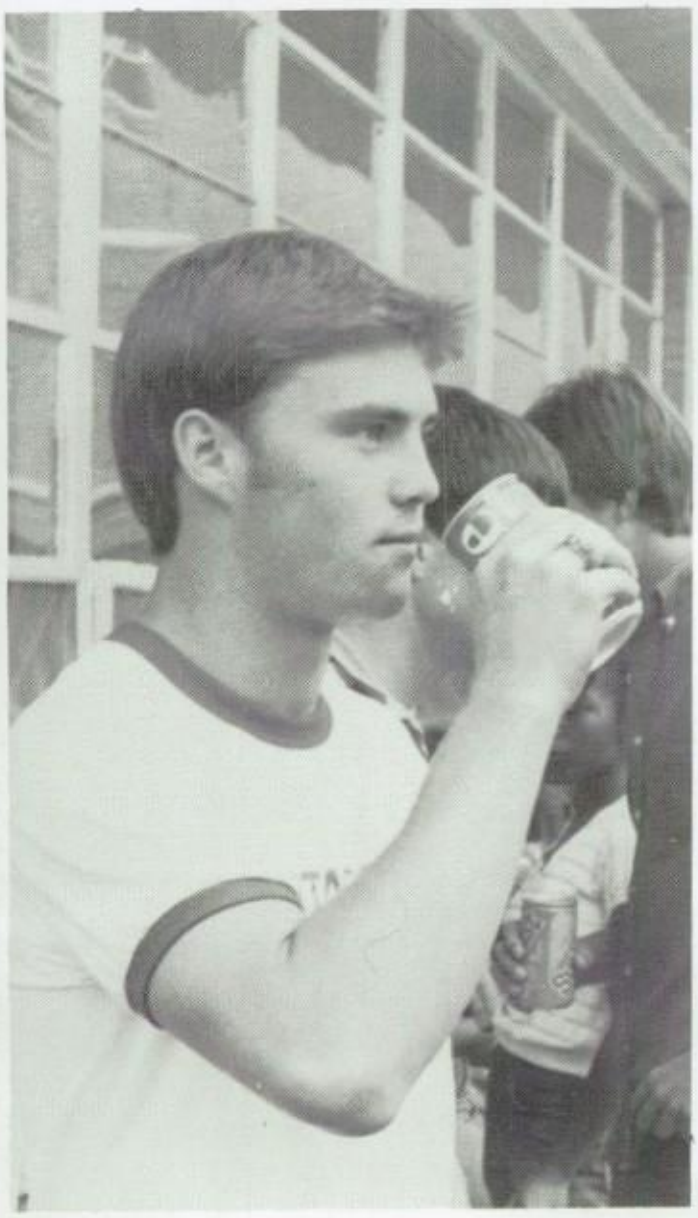

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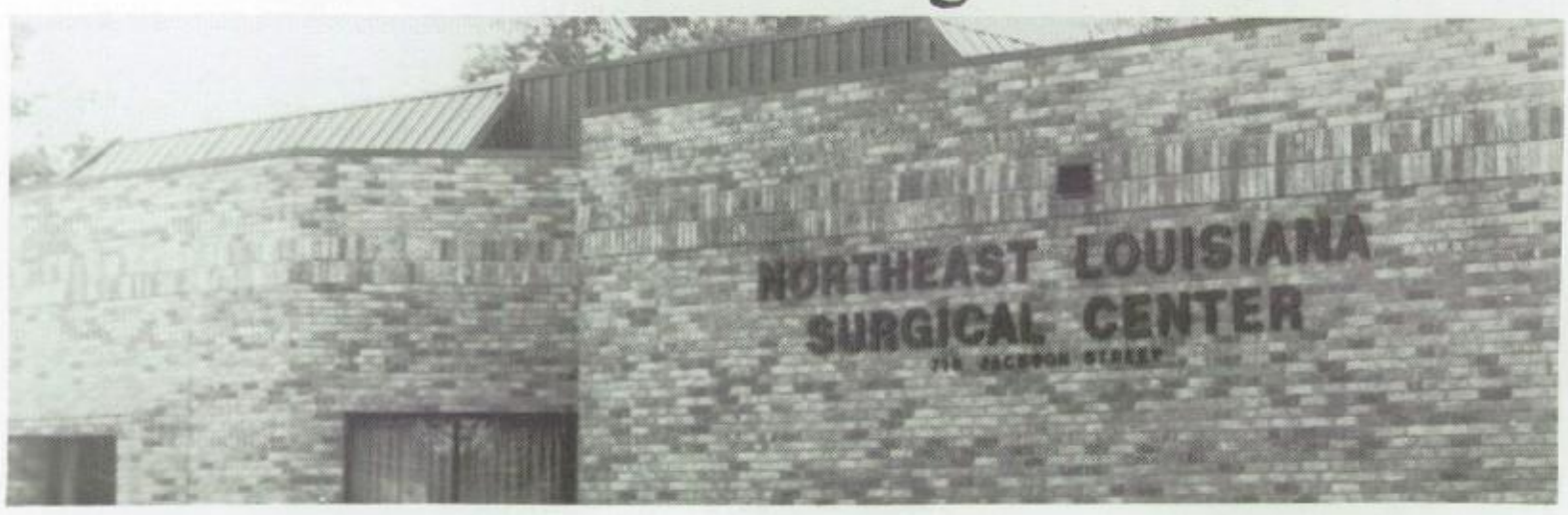

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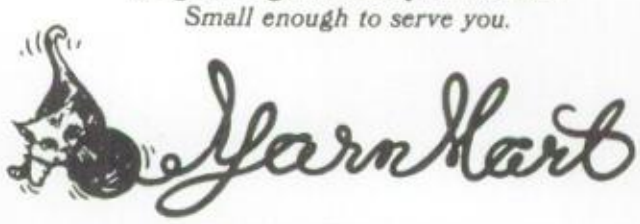

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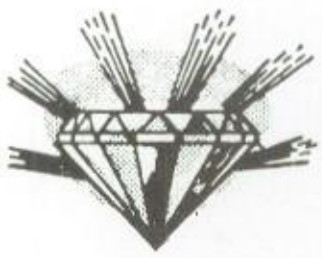

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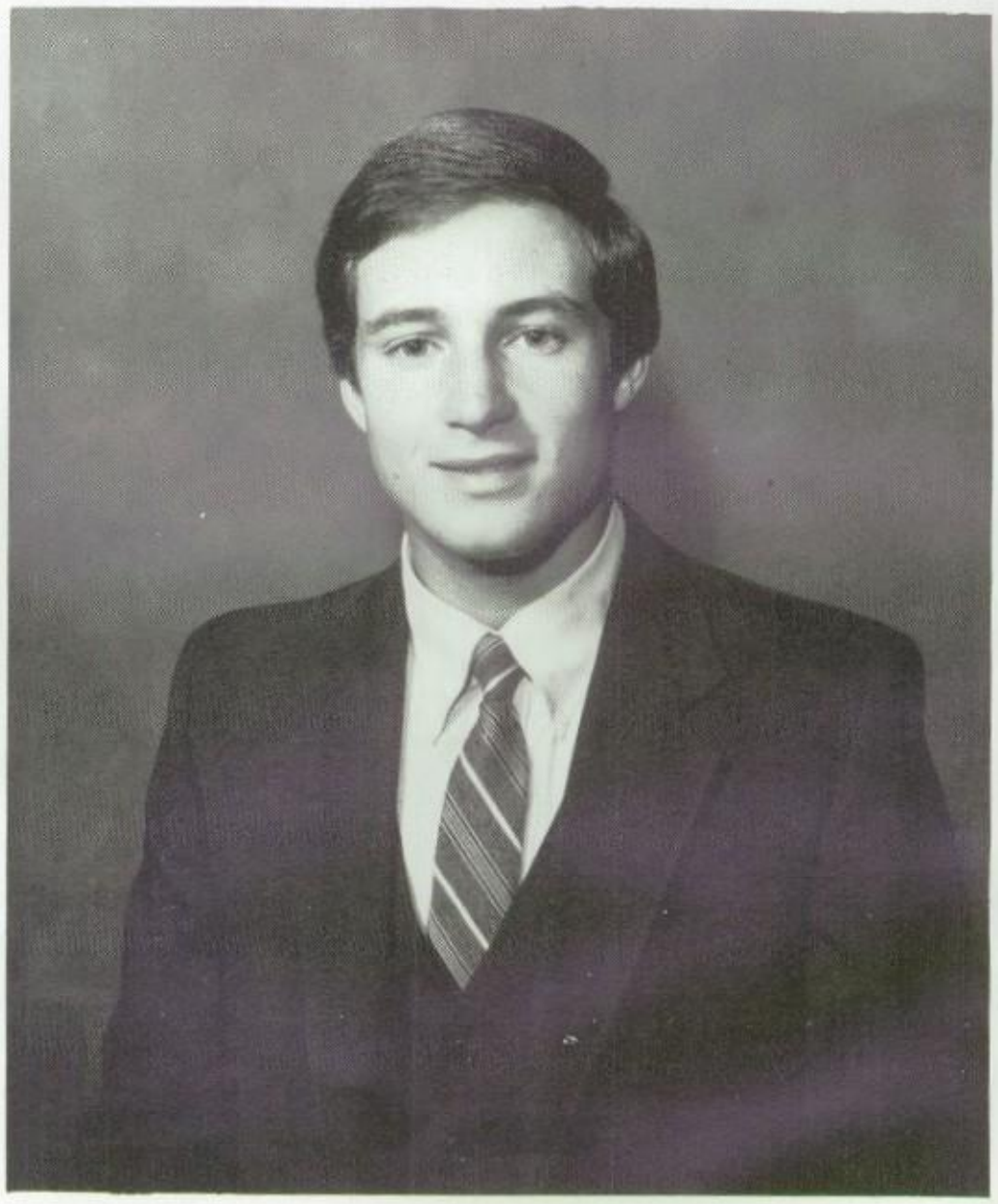

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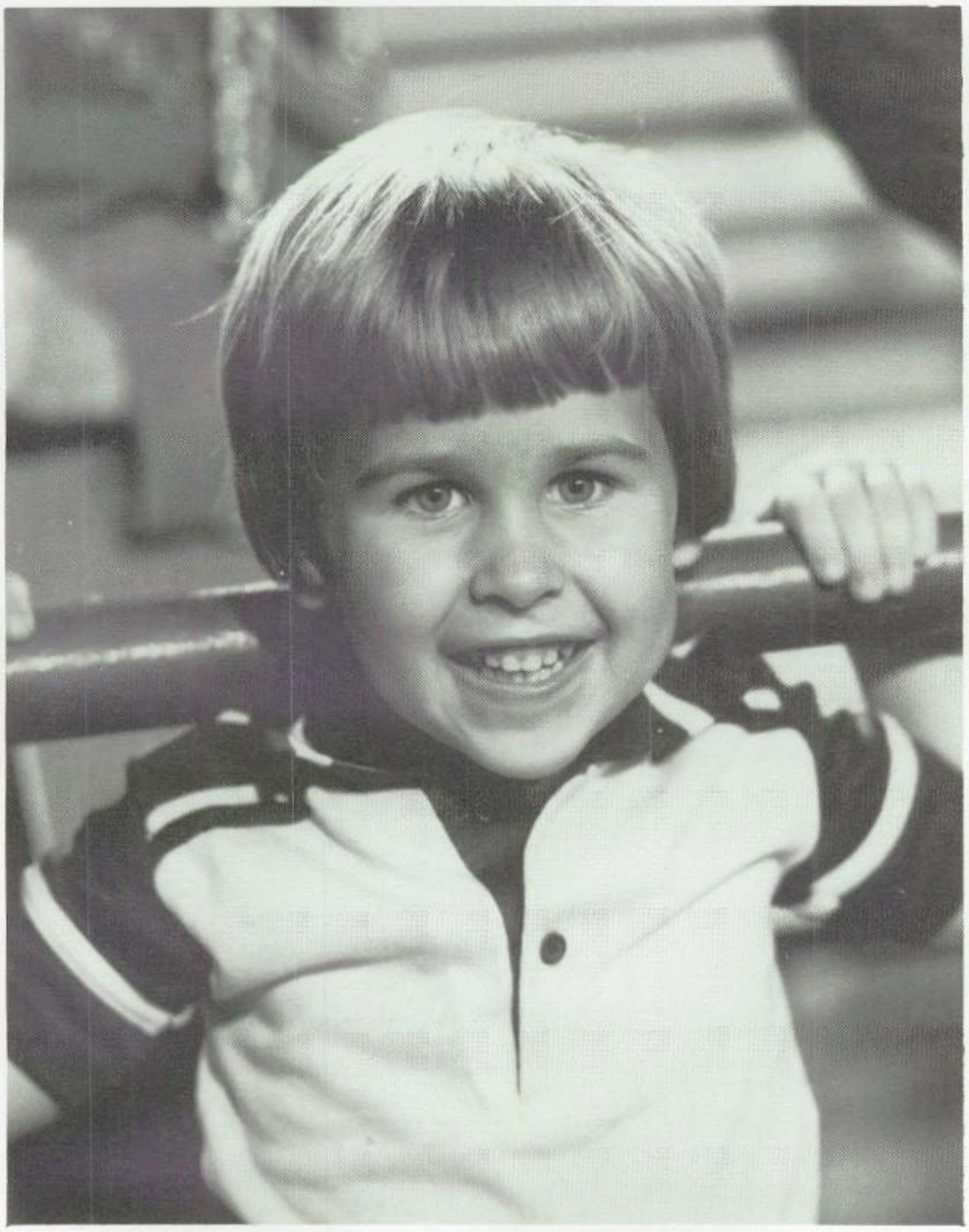

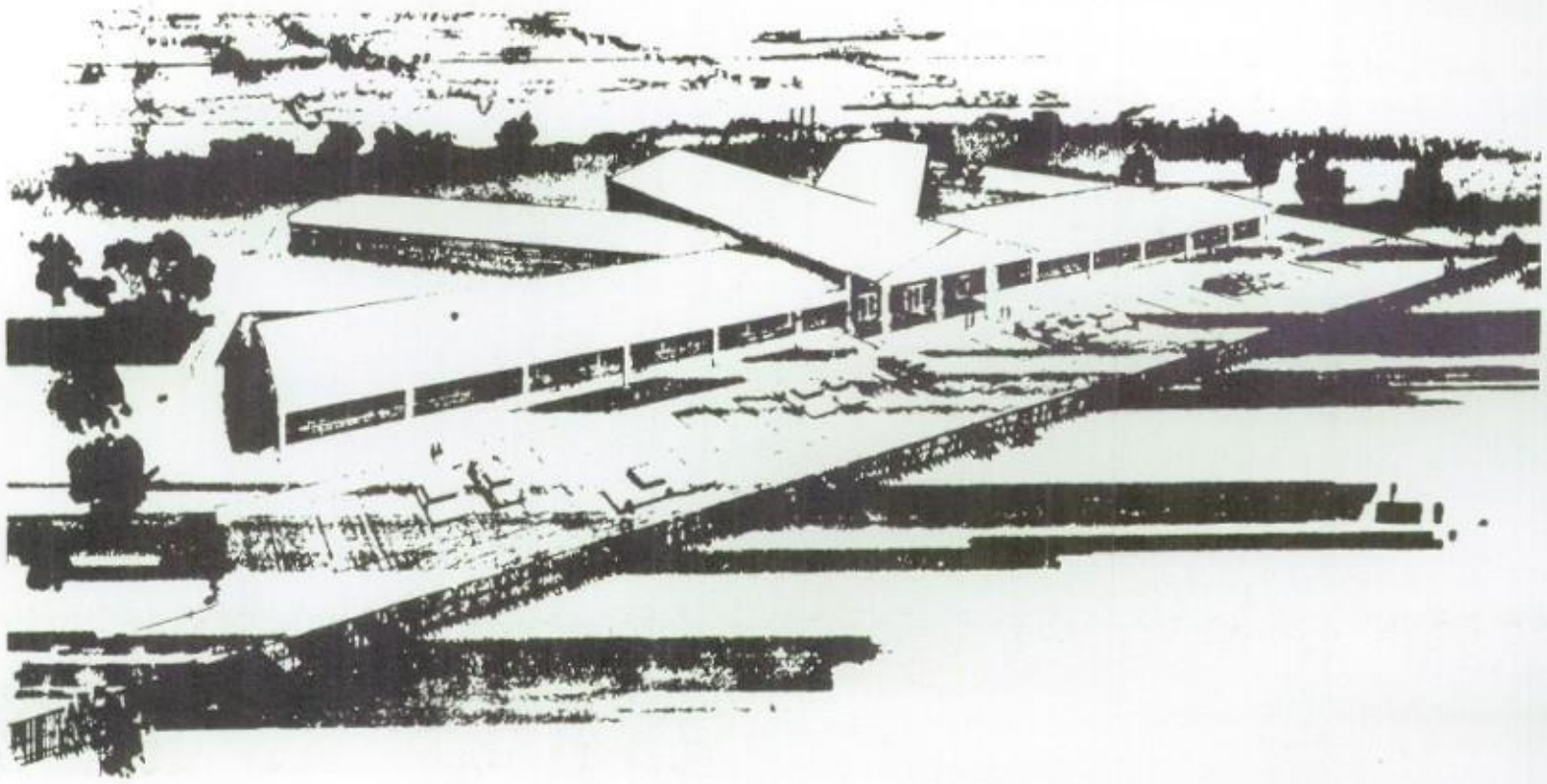

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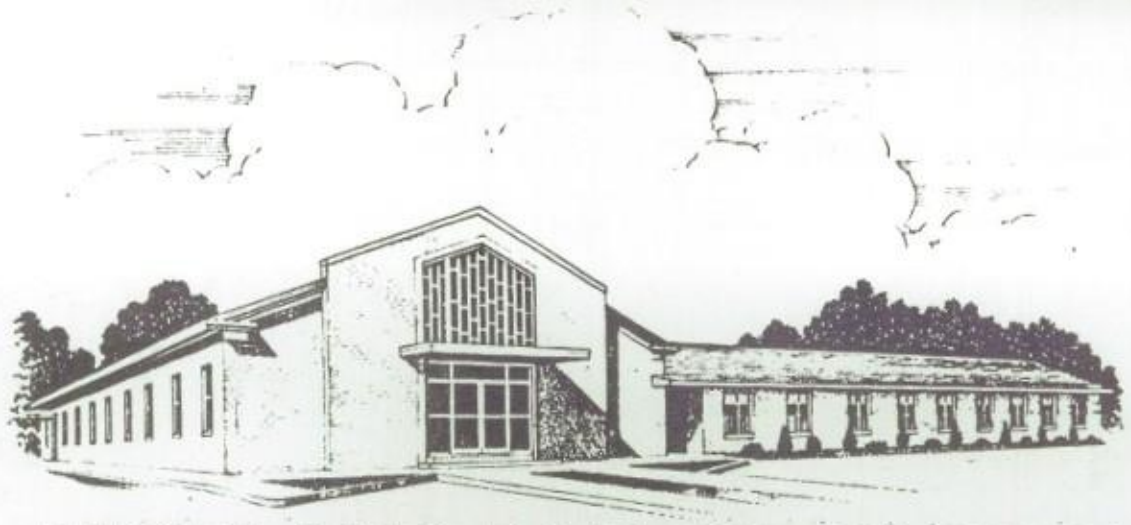

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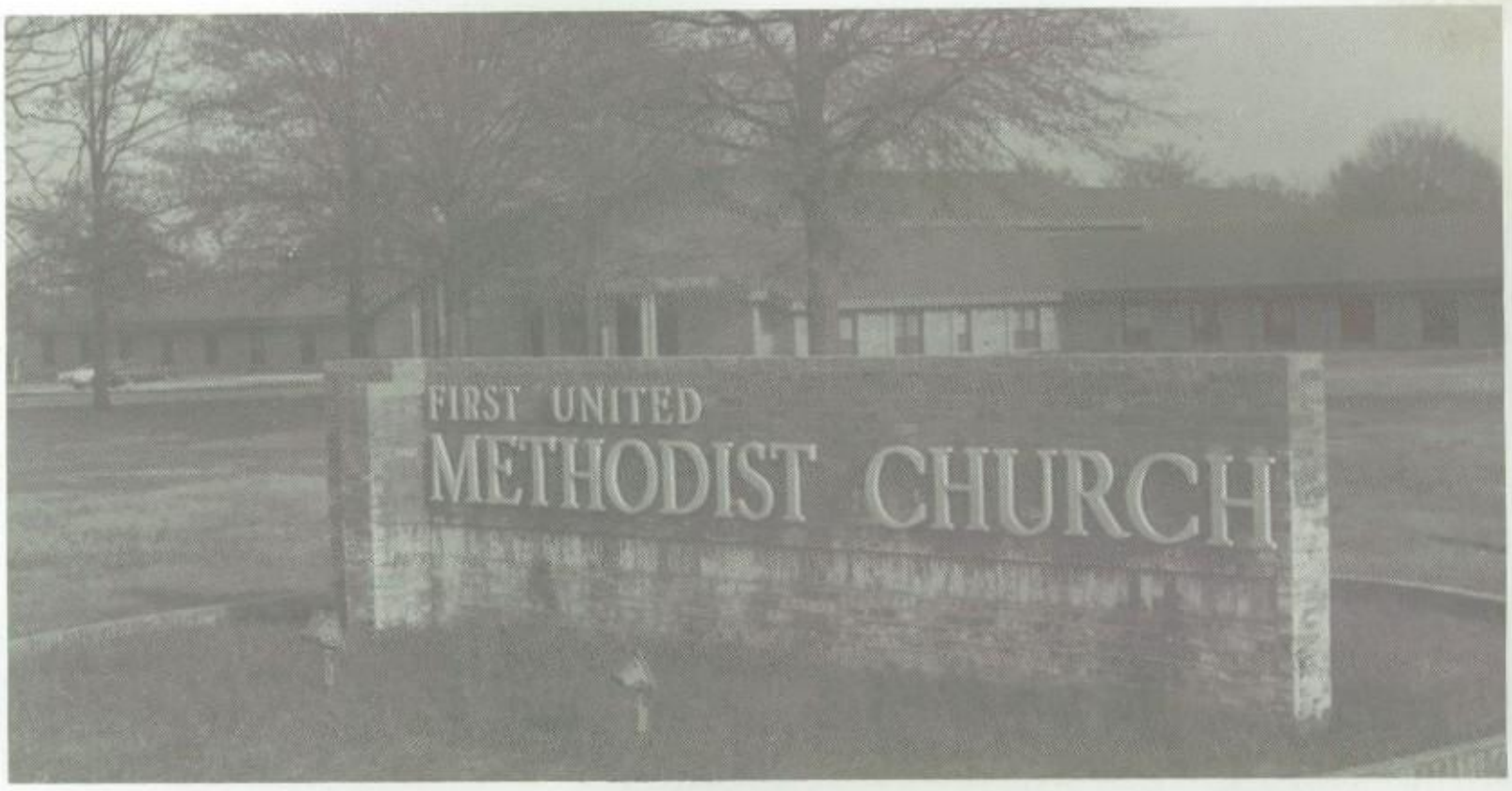

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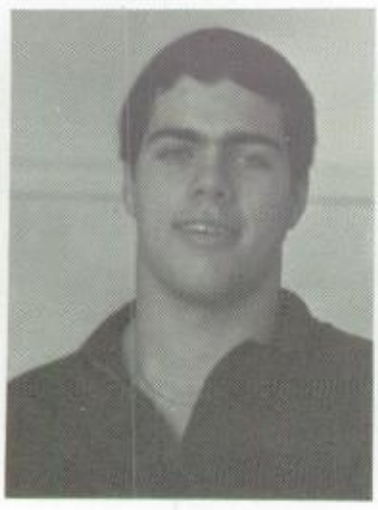

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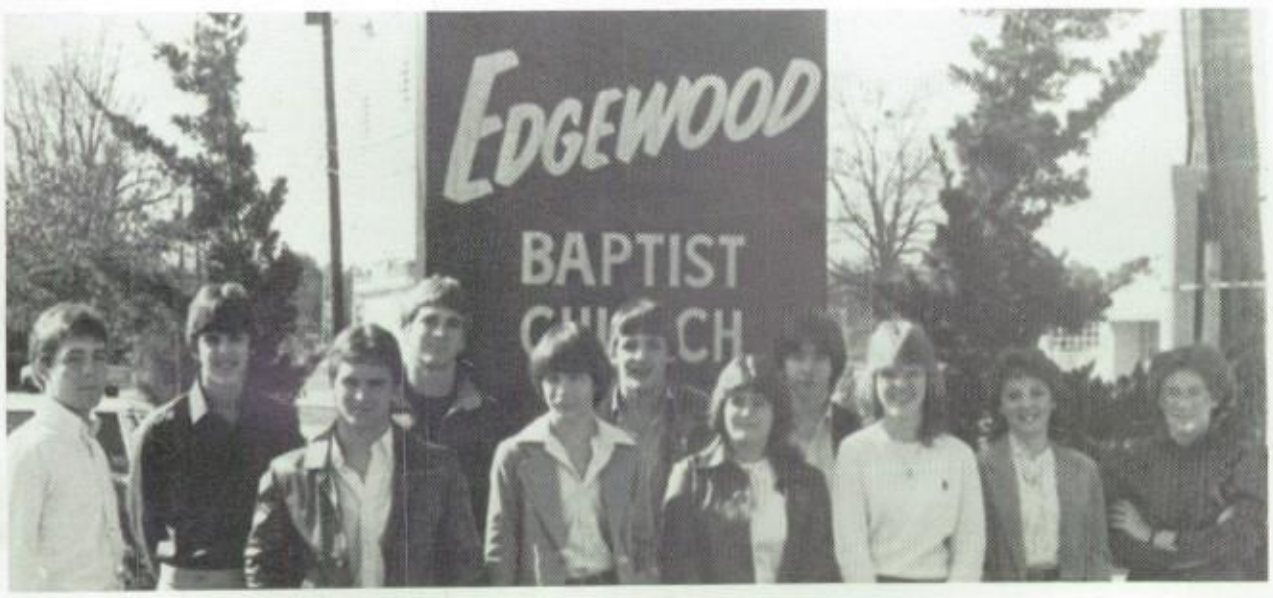

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Events contribute to unity and helped to keep WMHS

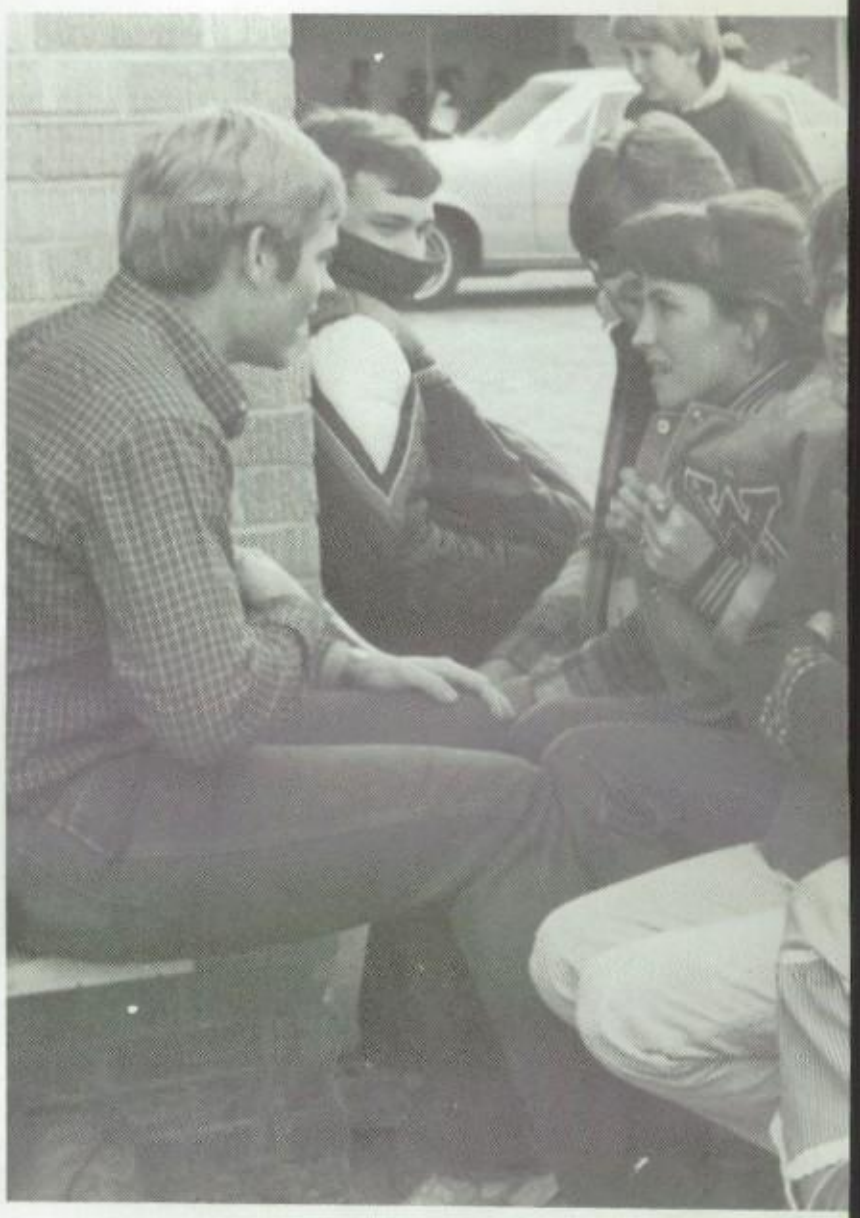
DISTINGUISHED BY THE GRAY

What has kept WMHS distinguished by the Gray? In late January a community rally against an article in a local paper revived the spirit generated by students, parents, and alumni as they voiced their support of WMHS and its programs. The pride so often referred to surfaced as evidence of what keeps WMHS distinguished by the Gray. From the athletic competition at the halftime shows, from concerts to theatrical performances, from practice for perfection to execution of that practice, events make memories which contribute to the unity on spirit of WMHS students and alumni.

No sooner was the fall play, "If That's Where It's At Baby I'm Not Going" over than preparations for the spring musical, Lil' Abner were being made following it conclustion a committee of Thespian members selected the senior play which got under way immediately.

As the new year began to settle down following semester changes in class schedules, events pulled attention and interest of groups and individuals. Black History Week involved faculty and students alike in rehearsals for a major Thursday evening program.

KEEPING WARM- With just a few cold days in January, Seniors Jim Douglas, and Tammy Poland, bundle up in order to keep warm at concession break.



MUNCHIN' DOWN- One of the attractions of sign-painting parties is the food, as shown here with Octagon members enjoying chips and coke.

SURE, SURE- Offensive tackle Kenny Guillot tries o explain his strategy to Coach Roy Peters.

WATCHING- As a newspaper photographer Stephan Jennings has alos taken pictures for the Rebelaire as he awaits for second lunch shift to begin so he can take ad Pictures.

FALL PLAY- Lead performers Chip McNeil and Tammy Ratliff go over their scene during practice for the spring play, Lil' Abner.

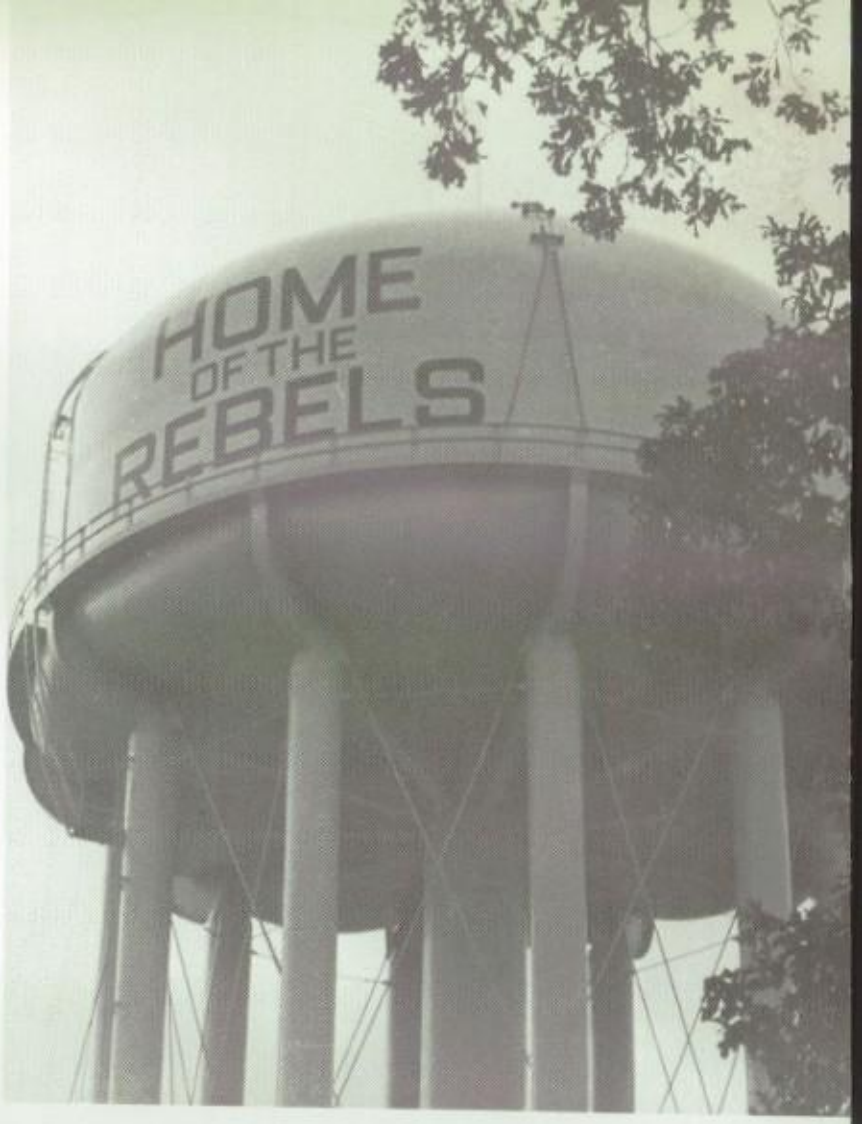
Traditional events keep WMHS

DISTINGUISHED BY THE GRAY

A total of 24 students achieved recognition for earning a perfect 4.0 in the second grading period. These students and others on the honor roll had a free first period of donuts and juice, compliments of the faculty.

George Tan and Hal Morrison received notification that they had become finalist in the National Merit program as other seniors hastily secured applications for college admissions and possible scholarship consideration.

The names were changed; the events were repeated; however, each event continued the tradition long ago established that WMHS is Distinguished by the Gray.



STANDING MAJESTICALLY-At the beginning of the school year, Interact initiated the "Home of the Rebels" to be painted on the newly painted water tower.

SPECIAL OBSERVANCE - Members of the program for Black History gather for a photograph at the conclusion of the assembly presented at the school in February under the guidance of Mr. Willie Isby and Mr. James Aubrey.

Tara,

It has been great having for a friend this year. You are a sweet person person with a great personality (when you want to). Have a great Summer.

Lylas.
Andy
Becton

Tara,
Hey you sexy thang you!
Weed your real sweet &
cute sister (mother) pain
your brother) pain
I'm really glad we
to been good friends
year. Hope we
to be better friend-in-
maybe sister-in-
who knows!! Hope
at some classes
see you next year & to
(Be your in the
Stay lucky) Summer
& Sexy
& Sweet
& Sexy
& Sexy
& Sexy

Jara,

Well it has been a great year. I am glad we are friends I hope we always are good friends. This year we didnt have any classes together but just wait till next year. Them poor teachers. Good luck in the future and with the guys even though you dont need it.

Lylas
Sonya
Vickery

Jara,
You are always for a
I'm glad I got to
great summer. See

Jara,
To a super sweet gal. Jara,
without you, Rebelettes would
have been a real bore. Stay
sweet and have a great
summer! God Bless you.
Love,
Kim Odom

Jara,
You are always good for a laugh. I'm glad I got to know you and have a great summer. See you next year.
Your friend,
Dayann
Coleman

Sara,

Hey! Well this year is almost gone. But it sure has been a blast. Sorry we haven't been as close this year as we used to but hopefully that will all change

Bye now

Good luck

Sorry

Toodles

Take

Sweet

Marilyn

Hanley

Tara,
Have a super sweet 16! Glad you enjoyed having us in your 4th Per. Class. Best of luck & have a great summer.

Paula Adams

Sara,

What up crazy girl? Not much here. Bell rang, I'll finish later. Love ya,

Connie Ezell

Hey Tara,
It has really been nice knowing you. You are a real swell person, you are also a swell person + nice person to. Tara I hope you have good luck in the future and also with the band.
Friends forever
7/7 Tammy Carter

Tara,
I've really enjoyed knowing you this year. I'm glad you're in the youth choir. Let God lead you.
Love,
Keith Wilbanks

Tara,
You are a very nice girl that I've known for 2 years now. You made my first year at High a little more bearable. See ya this summer. Luv ya.
7/8
Lori Lee

Tara,
I just met you but you seem like a very nice girl. We've had a pretty dull time in Geometry, except those days when we didn't have a teacher. Hope you have a blast this summer.
7/7
Brian Daniel

Tara,
I find you to be very nice and sweet. I hope you have a very good summer, stay out of trouble and don't get pregnant.
Love ya,
Donna

Tara,
Have a nice summer. Don't get pregnant. Good luck in your future and don't forget me.
Stay Rowdy.
Love ya,
Bonnie
7/15/85

Tara,
Have a great summer. Don't get pregnant. Stay out of trouble.
Love ya,
Jostens

Well woman, this years comin' to a close & we've had a great years & we've had great times (Rebellettes) yuk!! buggin Mrs. Hearne & a some sad times (Rebellettes) yuk!! But through it all we've remained friend. Good Luck in the future & with guys. May God Bless you in everything!!!

Love Always
Sharon Craft
XS
Ricky

Sr '85
Raiders
are
#1

Stay
Cool!

Tara

May life be
as good to you
as you are to life.
You and I are a
lot alike. You can
take that as
well but I you
are fine. Calm down
a little - I have
to sometimes.

Love ya
& will
miss you
Miss
Fuller -
(Jaime)

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Tara,
I don't
write much
because I'm in
hurry! I will ya!
Hope we can stay friends.
I'm glad I met ya!
Jami

Tara

I'm a nice
girl that I
have known. For
a couple of [redacted] years
Good luck
Pete

To a real crazy
girl I just met
on the bus - It was
nice knowing you.
I guess I'll see you
next year. Friends (more)
Smile Forever
God Julie
Love you! Hamelick

Tara, Have always
Face, Rocky
I'm glad we met
I hope we do stay good
friends for a long time
I will miss you
Good luck in the future
Jimmy Valentine. UHO

Sara,

To one of the Craziest persons I know but love. Have fun this summer and don't take all the guys, (leave Sara some). Call me sometimes 396-3565.

Love Ya,
Linda

Sara,

You are a very sweet girl that can bug a person to death! Just kidding. I hope I get to have a class with you next year so we can cause trouble. Well, good luck and have fun this summer. God Bless you

Love ya,
Bridge

Sara,
You a real sweet, crazy girl (running out of adjectives!) Just kidding! Hope to have you in some classes next year! Good luck in the future.

7/7
Robin

Sara,
You are a real good friend. I hope to see you this summer. Have fun & Good Luck

Love ya
Star
Sr. "85"

Sara,
It's been a real great year & I'm glad we became such good friends. This year would have been a total bore without you. I hope we always stay friends & I can't wait till next year. I hope we can get together over the summer.

Love, (396-4967)
Teri

Sara, don't listen to Robin, you're a extra-great, super-terrific girl! Let's write & Love Bird

Sara,
What are you up to? Not much here. You know, you're a really crazy woman! You're fun, though. P.E. was a blast with you in it. Good luck with everything.

Love ya,
Beth
Reds are #1!

Tara Miller

Tara,
Hi, what are you doing
you're my most favorite
friend and very crazy
especially when we all
alot of fine guys and
you help me let it be
known, this is for all
the jobs we've played
on all the jerks at school,
for all the parties we been
to and all the one's will
spend our time at in the future
I love ya alot and even
more if you'll take me to Texas
with you so I won't be away
from you because I can't
handle it

Lots of
Love,
Sarah

Tara,
To live a wild-N-crazy
life like (just picking)
Hay Sweet-N-Crazy
F/F
Christine

Tara,
I have to admit
you are one of the
two bravest people I
know. It's been too
long of a year to live
had fun getting to
know you. Have fun
this summer stay
away from Chris or
you'll end up in the
clan man.

Chris
"Critter"
Martin